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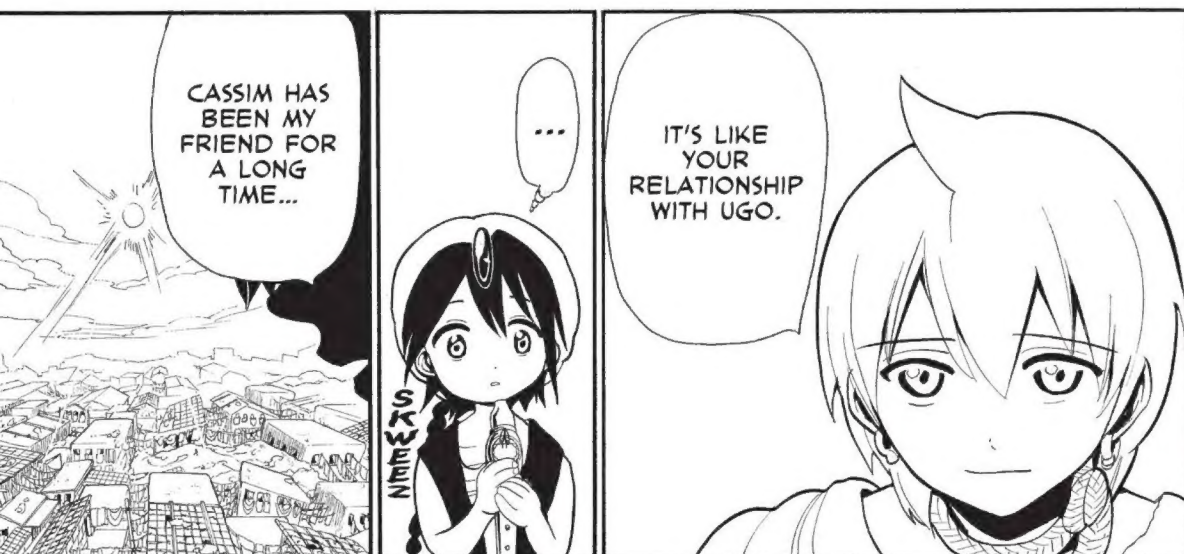


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ALIBABA
(6 YEARS OLD)



I HAD
A KIND
MOTHER.

BUT WE
WEREN'T
THE SAME
IN EVERY
WAY.



SHE
WAS A
GENTLE
SOUL.

YEAH.

OH!
YOUR
MOM!!



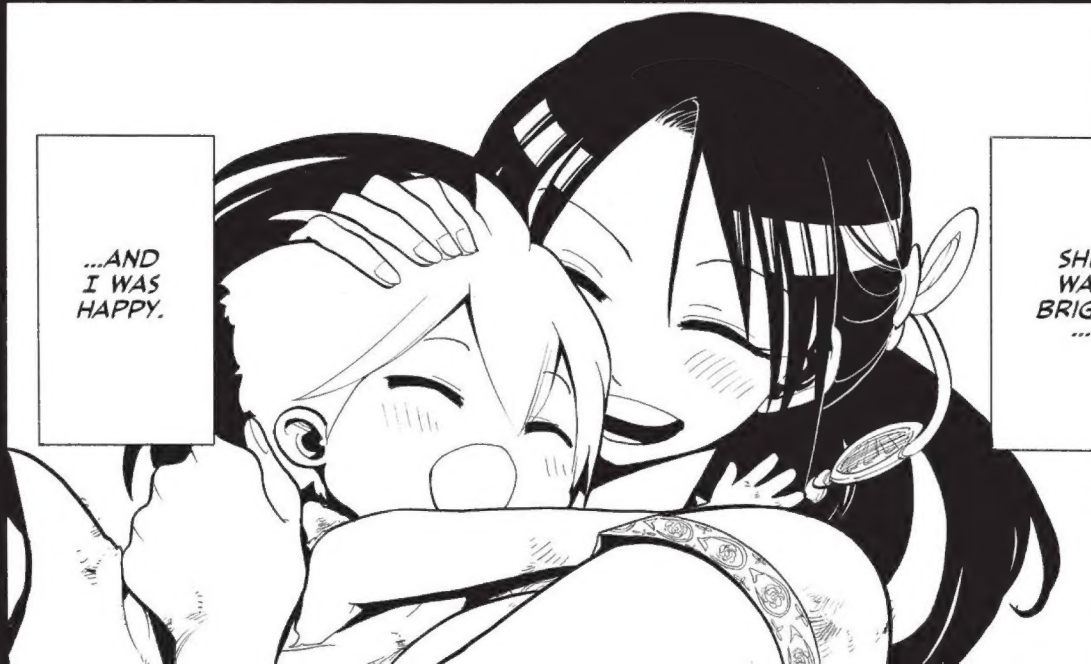
EVERY
EVENING, I
WOULD FIND
MY WAY
BACK TO
HER.

SHE WAS
A WOMAN
OF THE
STREETS
AND THE
SLUMS.



...AND
I WAS
HAPPY.

SHE
WAS
BRIGHT
...



HIS
FATHER
WAS NO
GOOD.

BUT IT WAS
DIFFERENT
FOR
CASSIM.



WAAH
WAAH

I TOLD
YOU TO
BRING
ME
WINE!

YOU
LITTLE
BRAT!



HOW
DARE
YOU
SAY
THAT
TO
YOUR
FATHER
!!

I'LL
KILL
YOU!!

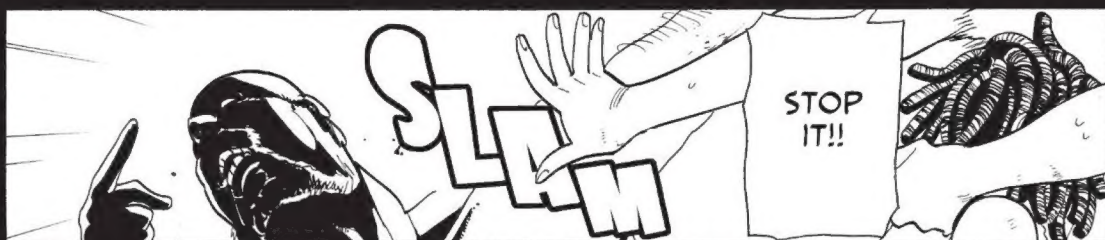
TMP
TMP



SLAP

SHUT UP!
STOP
CRYING!

!!

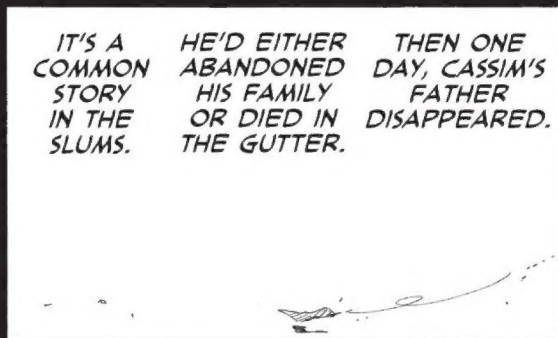


STOP
IT!!



MY MOTHER
ALWAYS
TREATED
CASSIM AND
HIS SISTER
LIKE HER
OWN.

UGH...
GIMME
BOOZE...



IT'S A
COMMON
STORY
IN THE
SLUMS.

HE'D EITHER
ABANDONED
HIS FAMILY
OR DIED IN
THE GUTTER.

THEN ONE
DAY, CASSIM'S
FATHER
DISAPPEARED.

WHEN SHE
DID, I WAS
A LITTLE
JEALOUS.



...AND WE
BECAME A
FAMILY OF
FOUR.

MY
MOTHER
TOOK HIS
CHILDREN
IN...



AND CASSIM
CHANGED...



YEAH,
IT WAS.

FAMILY!
SOUNDS
FUN!

...AND ONE
DAY A
SHOPKEEPER
CAUGHT HIM.

HE HAD A
HABIT OF
STEALING...



AFTER
THAT,
CASSIM
BEHAVED.

IN THE
SLUMS,
NO ONE
WOULD
EVER
DO THAT,
EVEN FOR
THEIR OWN
CHILD.



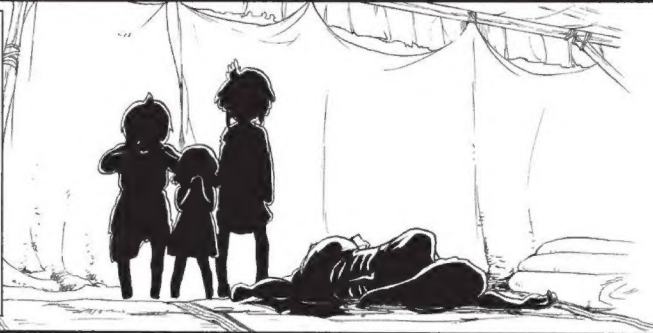
NO,
DON'T
!

I'M
RESPONSIBLE!
HIT ME
INSTEAD!

IT'LL
NEVER
HAPPEN
AGAIN!
I'LL
PAY YOU
BACK!



BUT
THEN MY
MOTHER
GOT SICK
AND DIED.

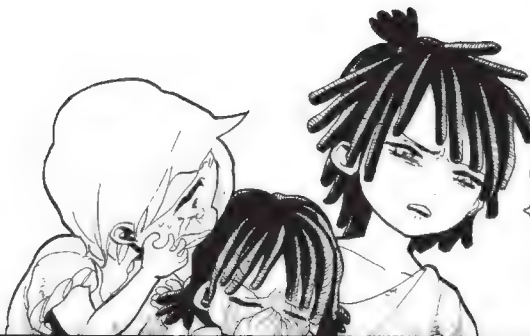


I WAS
LONELY
AND
SAD...

I WAS
STILL
JUST A
KID.

I'VE
NEVER
BEEN AS
SAD AS I
WAS THAT
DAY.





DON'T
CRY. I'LL
TAKE
CARE OF
YOU.

BUT CASSIM
NEVER CRIED.
HE WAS ONE
YEAR OLDER
AND BECAME
LIKE MY
BROTHER.

...AND MY
MOTHER'S
CUSTOMERS
AND OUR
NEIGHBORS
HELPED.



THE
THREE
OF US
WORKED
TOGETHER
TO GET
BY...

...AND
MADE
MONEY
SHOWING
VISITORS
AROUND
BALBADD.



WE TOOK
JOBS
PICKING
UP
GARBAGE
AND
SHINING
SHOES...

HE USED
OTHER
YOUNG
RASCALS
AND
STIRRED
UP WORSE
TROUBLE
THAN
BEFORE.



BUT CASSIM
WAS
DIFFERENT.
HE STARTED
STEALING
AGAIN.

SO ONE
DAY I
ASKED IF
I COULD
HELP.

I SUPPOSE
HE WAS
WORRIED
FOR OUR
SURVIVAL.

WH-
WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN
?

YOU'RE
NOT LIKE
ME.

YOU
SHOULDN'T
GET
INVOLVED.

C-
CAS-
SIM
...

YOU'RE
VIRTUOUS,
LIKE YOUR
MOTHER.

BUT
NOT
YOU.

I
HAVE MY
FATHER'S
BLOOD.

I'M
ROTTEN
TO THE
CORE.

YEAH!
OF
COURSE
!!

HEY...

...WE'RE
FRIENDS,
RIGHT?

AFTER A
PAUSE,
HE CON-
TINUED...

CASSIM WAS
A LITTLE
STRANGE
THAT DAY.



ARE YOU
THE BOY
ALIBABA?
SOMEONE
WANTS TO
SEE YOU...

A FEW
DAYS
LATER...



IT WAS
THE
KING OF
BALBADD.



AND
WHAT'S
MORE...

I WAS
SHOCKED.
THE KING!
IN THE
SLUMS!

THE
KING...



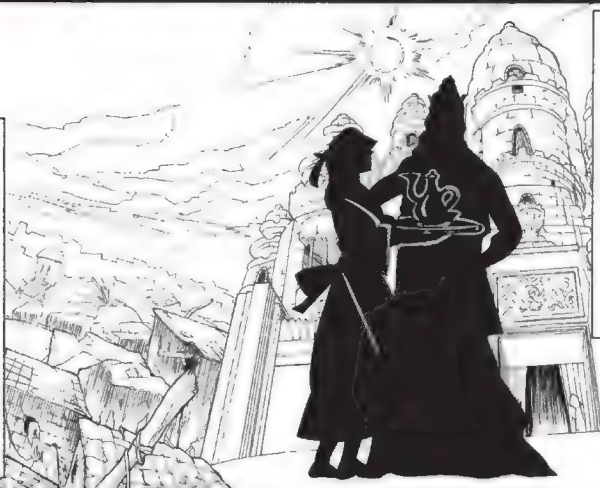
FROM NOW
ON, YOU
WILL LIVE
IN THE
PALACE.

ALIBABA,
YOU ARE
MY SON.

I SAID IT
COULDN'T BE
TRUE BECAUSE
MY MOTHER WAS
A PROSTITUTE
AND NO ONE
KNEW WHO MY
FATHER WAS.



SHE BECAME
HIS MISTRESS
AND GAVE
BIRTH TO ME.



BUT THE
KING SAID
MY MOTHER
WAS ONCE
A PALACE
SERVANT.

I WAS A
COCKROACH
FROM THE
SLUMS AND
HE WAS THE
KING.



THERE WAS
NO WAY
I COULD
DISOBEY HIM.

I WASN'T
SUPPOSED
TO REVEAL I
WAS A PRINCE,
BUT I DIDN'T
CARE.

I TALKED
ABOUT
IT WITH
CASSIM.

BUT...

I THOUGHT
HE WOULD
STOP ME
SO WE
COULD STAY
TOGETHER.

I
KNEW
IT.

CASSIM
WAS
FAMILY.

WH-WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

I ALWAYS
WONDERED
WHY A GUY
LIKE YOU
WAS IN THE
SLUMS.

I COULD
NEVER
MAKE YOU
ONE
OF THE
CREW...

OH,
GIVE
ME A
BREAK!

SIGH

HUH?



YOU'RE ALWAYS ALONE, PLAYING THE SAINT.

YOU DON'T STEAL. YOU NEVER DO ANYTHING WRONG.

...BE-CAUSE IT DIDN'T FEEL RIGHT.



SO GET LOST!

WE'VE BEEN DIFFERENT SINCE BIRTH!

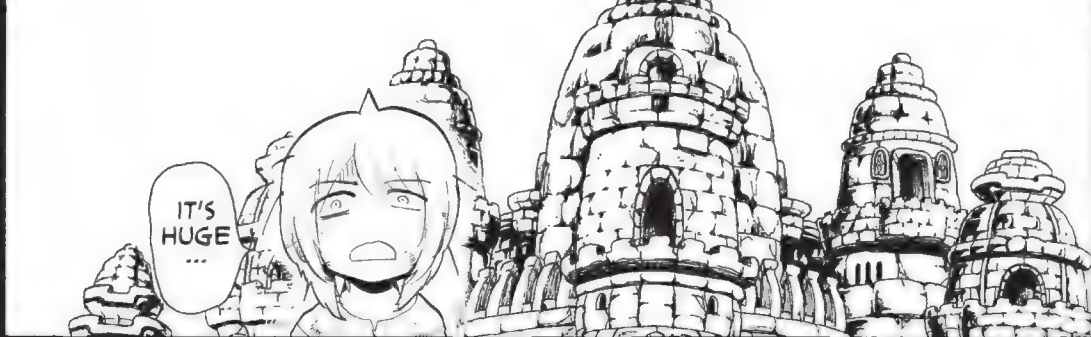


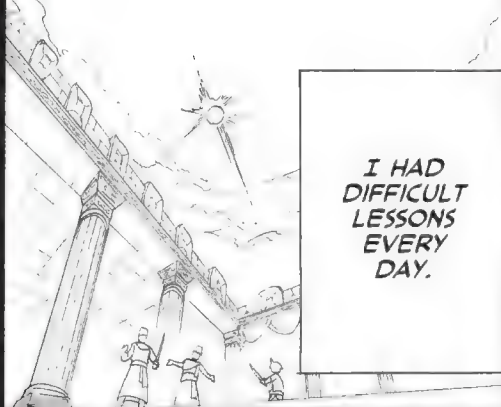
FROM THAT DAY FORWARD, MY LIFE CHANGED DRAS-TICALLY...

AND THEN I LEFT THE SLUMS.

I GAVE HIM A GOOD THRASHING.







I HAD
DIFFICULT
LESSONS
EVERY
DAY.



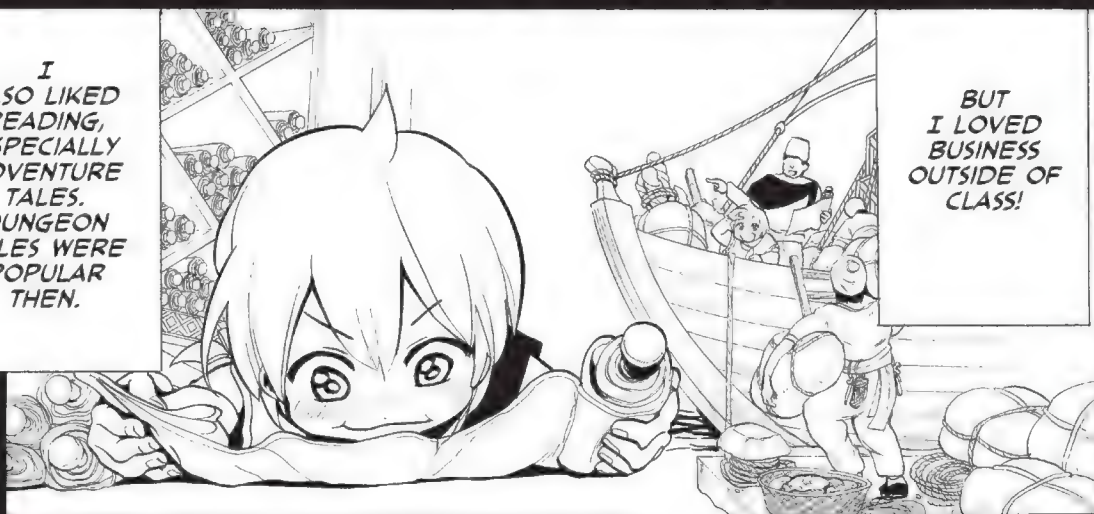
I WAS
ALONE.

I DIDN'T
LIKE
STUDYING
OR
SWORDPLAY,
SO IT WAS
HARD.



HOW TO WALK,
TALK AND EAT...
SWORDSMANSHIP,
COMMERCE AND
MATHEMATICS...

I
ALSO LIKED
READING,
ESPECIALLY
ADVENTURE
TALES.
DUNGEON
TALES WERE
POPULAR
THEN.



BUT
I LOVED
BUSINESS
OUTSIDE OF
CLASS!



AND THEN
PEOPLE
BEGAN TO
TREAT ME
DIFFERENTLY.

I HAD
NOWHERE
ELSE TO
GO, SO I
WORKED
HARD.



...AND
EVEN
PRINCE
SAHBMAD
WASN'T
UNFRIENDLY.

SOME
PEOPLE
STARTED
TALKING
TO ME
NORMALLY...



...TO THE
PLACE OF
MY BIRTH.

BUT FOR
SOME
REASON,
I KEPT
THINKING
BACK...



AFTER THREE
YEARS, THE
SLUMS WERE
A DISTANT
MEMORY.



...TO
SEE THE
SLUMS.

ONE NIGHT,
I SNUCK
OUT OF THE
PALACE...



BUT THEY
WERE
GONE.



...WERE
GONE,
TOO.



AND
ALL ITS
PEOPLE...



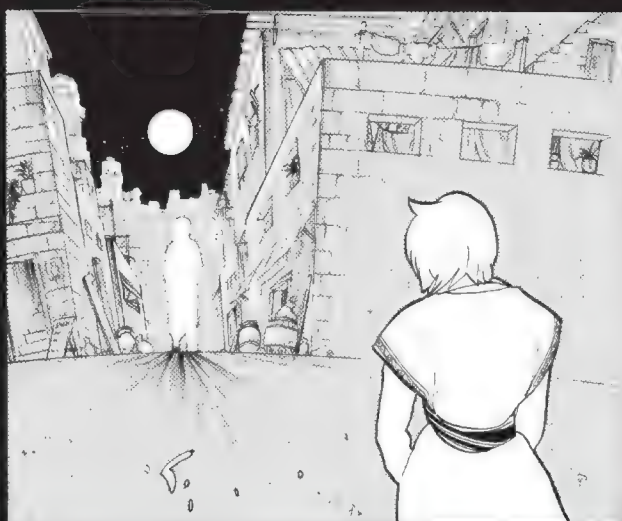
THERE WAS
NO TRACE
OF THAT
GARBAGE
HEAP TOWN.

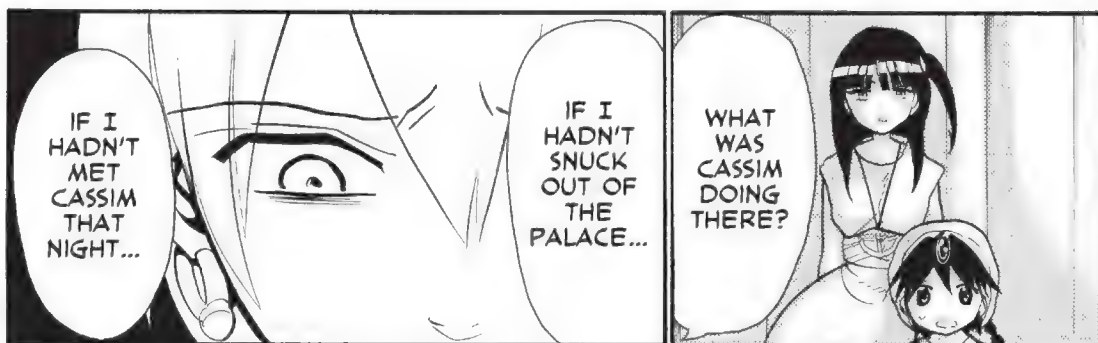


BUT
THEN...



CONFUSED, I
TURNED MY
STEPS BACK
TOWARD THE
PLACE.





...THAT
INCIDENT
WOULD
NEVER
HAVE
HAPPENED.

IF I
HADN'T
MET
CASSIM
THAT
NIGHT...

Night 39: The Incident

...THAT
I GOT
IN BIG
TROUBLE
ONCE?

REMEM-
BER
WHEN
I TOLD
YOU...

INCI-
DENT
?

HE
LOOKED
LIKE HE'D
SEEN A
GHOST.

HIS
APPEAR-
ANCE
HAD
CHANGED,
BUT IT
WAS HIM.

THIS
IS
WHAT
I WAS
TALKING
ABOUT.

CAS-
SIM!



...BUT
I DID
ANYWAY.

WE HADN'T
PARTED ON
GOOD TERMS, SO
I HESITATED TO
SPEAK TO HIM...



IT'S
BEEN
AGES!
HA HA
HA!!





ME, TOO!
WHAT A
COINCIDENCE!

I JUST
NEEDED
A WALK!

WHAT'RE
YOU DOING
HERE?!



...BUT
WHEN
I THINK
BACK...

IT FELT
GOOD
TO TALK
TO HIM
AGAIN...

I HAD
NO IDEA
WHAT
HE WAS
THINKING.



...

I'M
CERTAIN
THAT'S
WHEN HE
DECIDED
ON...

...HIS EYES
GREW
DARK
FOR A
MOMENT.



ALI-
BABA
...



...HIS
COURSE
OF
ACTION.



WE
WEREN'T
OLD
ENOUGH
TO DRINK
YET.

I DIDN'T
KNOW
WHAT HE
MEANT.



LET'S
GO
HAVE A
DRINK!



...SO
I
WENT
WITH
HIM.

BUT I DIDN'T
WANT TO SEEM
CHILDISH...



SCARY-
LOOKING
ADULTS
BOWED
TO HIM.

IT TURNED
OUT HE
WAS A
REGULAR
THERE.



HERE'S
TO RE-
UNIONS!



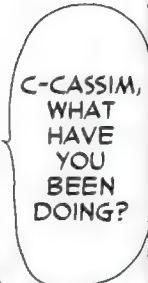
AND HE
SEEMED
TO HAVE
MONEY.



...



WHERE'S
YOUR
SISTER,
MARIAM,
AND
EVERYONE
FROM THE
SLUMS?



C-CASSIM,
WHAT
HAVE
YOU
BEEN
DOING?



YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW?

...



SOMETHING
ABOUT
"REDEVELOP-
MENT."

WE
ALL LIVE
SOMEWHERE
ELSE NOW.



THE SLUMS
ARE
GONE. THE
GOVERNMENT
DROVE US
OUT.



...



I'M
ALWAYS
LOCKED
INSIDE THE
PALACE.



THIS IS A
REUNION, SO
DRINK UP!
YOU HAVEN'T
HAD A
DROP!

BUT HEY!
NO MORE
GLOOMY
TALK!



HERE GOES!





ADULT SKILLS
LIKE HOW TO
PUT ON A
FRONT, POUR
DRINKS, AND
MAKE OTHERS
DRINK...



...AND
SAID HE
WAS THE
BIGGEST
TROUBLE-
MAKER OF
ALL.

I
LAUGHED
...

...ABOUT
HOW
MARIAM
HAD
BECOME A
TROUBLE-
MAKER.

CASSIM
COM-
PLAINED
...

I FELT
GREAT
AND
TALKED
A LOT.

WE
TALKED
ABOUT
THE
OLD
TIMES.



SNEAKING
OUT WAS
HARD!
SO MANY
GUARDS!

HOW
DID
YOU
GET
HERE?

BY
THE WAY,
YOU SAID
YOU'RE
LOCKED
IN THE
PALACE?

WHEN
WE RAN
OUT OF
OLD
STORIES
...

WELL....

HEH
HEH
HEH

HOW'D
YOU
GET
PAST
THEM?



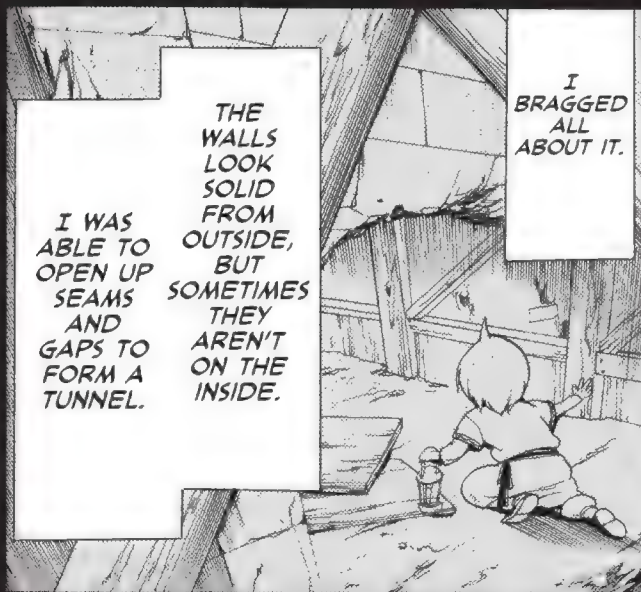
THAT'S
HOW I
BEAT YOU
WHEN WE
PLAYED
WAR!

REMEMBER?
I WAS KNOWN
FOR MY
TUNNELS IN
THE SLUMS!



A
TUN-
NEL?

A
TUNNEL!



I WAS
ABLE TO
OPEN UP
SEAMS
AND
GAPS TO
FORM A
TUNNEL.

THE
WALLS
LOOK
SOLID
FROM
OUTSIDE,
BUT
SOMETIMES
THEY
AREN'T
ON THE
INSIDE.

I
BRAGGED
ALL
ABOUT IT.



WELL...

I
REMEMBER.
BUT AREN'T
THE PALACE
WALLS
TOO HARD
TO DIG
THROUGH?



AND
CASSIM
DIDN'T
ASK ANY
MORE
QUES-
TIONS.

BUT I DIDN'T
TELL HIM
WHERE. I
MAY HAVE
BEEN DRUNK,
BUT I HELD
THAT MUCH
BACK.



CASSIM
WAS IM-
PRESSED.

OH HH



UM...

BUT I
NEEDED TO
TELL HIM
SOMETHING
FIRST.

THE NIGHT
WORE
ON, AND
I HAD TO
RETURN
TO THE
PALACE.



YOU TOLD
ME TO GET
LOST SO I
WOULDN'T
REGRET
LEAVING,
RIGHT?

I'M
SORRY I
HIT YOU.



GASP

THE DAY
I LEFT
FOR THE
PALACE...



...

I'M,
UH...



AFTER
ALL,
WE'RE
FRIENDS
!!

YEAH! OF
COURSE!



...



PHEW

THAT
LIFTED
MY
SPIRITS.

WE WERE
FRIENDS
AGAIN
JUST LIKE
BEFORE.



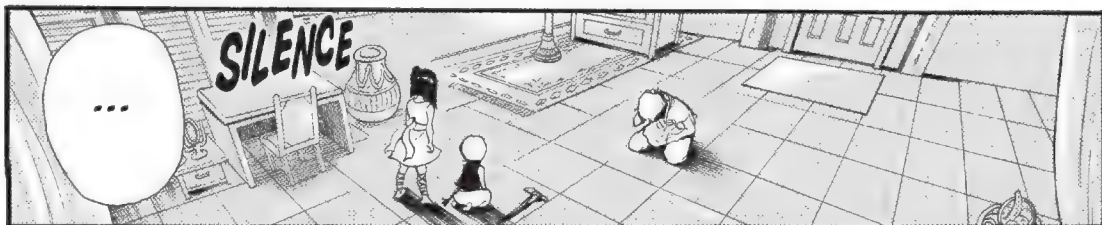
I WAS
RELIEVED.
CASSIM
CARED
ABOUT ME.



...TO
FOLLOW
ME TO
THE
PALACE.



SO I DIDN'T
NOTICE WHEN
HE PAID
ONE OF HIS
FLUNKIES...



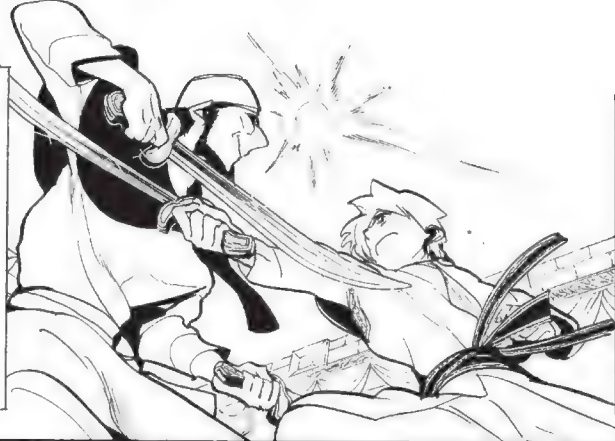
ALIBABA...



I'M
SUCH A
FOOL...



MY LESSONS
WERE HARD,
BUT I FELT
RELEASED
FROM A
BURDEN
AND FACED
EVERYTHING
POSITIVELY.



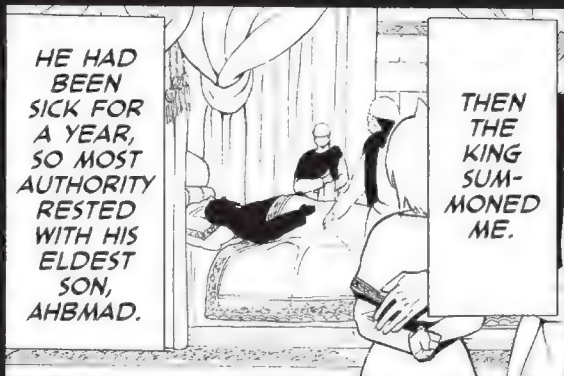
NOTHING
HAPPENED
FOR A
WHILE.

I DO
NOT
HAVE
MUCH
TIME
LEFT.
BUT THE
KING-
DOM
IS IN
TROUBLE.



THE
KING
SAID...

HE HAD
BEEN
SICK FOR
A YEAR,
SO MOST
AUTHORITY
RESTED
WITH HIS
ELDEST
SON,
AHBMAD.



THEN
THE
KING
SUM-
MONED
ME.

BACKED
BY THEIR
MILITARY
MIGHT,
THEY
WERE
INTER-
FERING
IN OUR
ECONOMY.



THE
KOU
EM-
PIRE
?!



ITS MAJOR
TRADING
PARTNER,
PARTEBIA,
WAS IN
DECLINE,
WHILE THE
KOU EMPIRE
TO THE
NORTHEAST
INCREASED IN
POWER.

BALBADD
HAD
FALLEN
ON HARD
TIMES.

AHBMAD
WAS TOO
LAZY TO
THINK FOR
HIMSELF,
SO HE DID
WHATEVER
THIS MAN
SAID.



THEIR
ENVOY WAS
ALWAYS BY
AHBMAD'S
SIDE
OFFERING
ADVICE.





"I WILL
LEAVE THE
COUNTRY
TO YOU."

THE
KING
SAID
TO ME...



...

I DIDN'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
SAY.



I THOUGHT
THAT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR A CHILD
OF THE
SLUMS.

I WAS
STUNNED.
HE
WANTED
ME TO BE
KING?



BUT I
HAVE
NO ONE
ELSE TO
ASK.

NO?

YOUR
MAJESTY,
I MUST
ASK YOU
SOME-
THING.

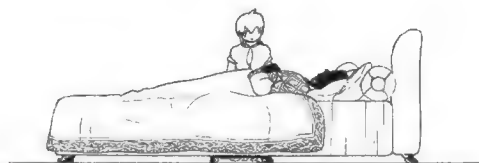
...

NOW
HE HAD
LITTLE
TIME
LEFT...

HIS DEPARTED
WIFE HAD
EDUCATED
AHRMAD AND
SAHRMAD,
AND HE WAS
UNEASY ABOUT
LEAVING THE
GOVERNMENT IN
THEIR HANDS.

...OF
HOW THE
COUNTRY
FACED A
SERIOUS
CRISIS.

THE
KING
SPOKE...



ANIS
WAS MY
MOTHER'S
NAME.

ANIS?

WHAT
DID
YOU
...
THINK YOU
OF MY
MOTHER
?

YES?
GO
ON.



...I DID
LOVE
HER.

WE
COULD
NOT BE
TO-
GETHER.

THERE
WERE
TOO
MANY
CON-
STRAINTS
...

YES...

BUT...

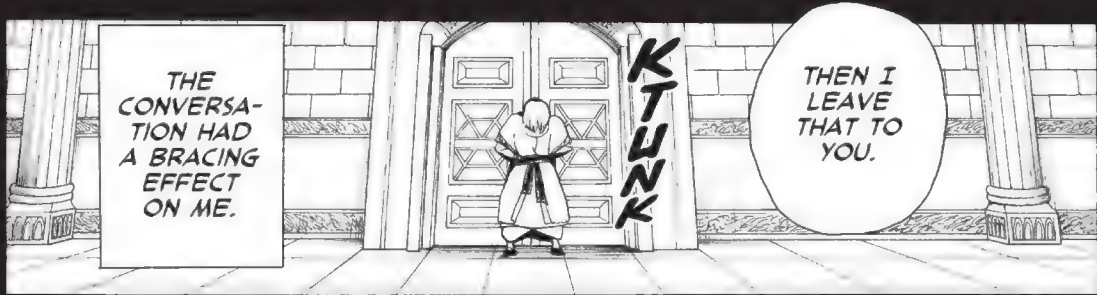


...THAT
HE
TRULY
WAS MY
FATHER.

THEN I
REALIZED
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME...

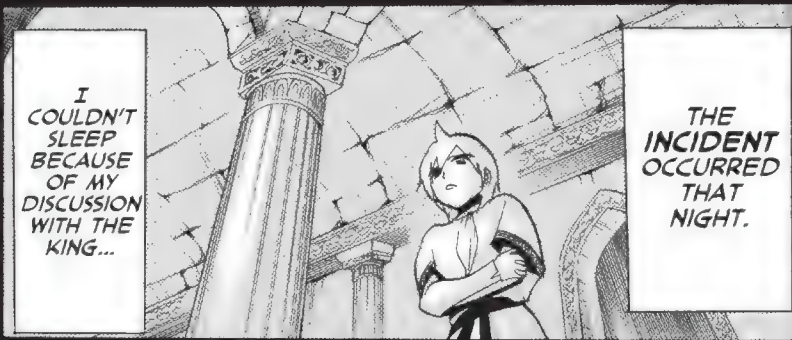
KNOWING
THAT,
I CAN
CONTINUE
MY LIFE
HERE.

THANK
YOU,
YOUR
MAJESTY.





I DECIDED
I WOULD
DEVOTE ALL
MY STRENGTH
TO THE
KINGDOM!



I
COULDN'T
SLEEP
BECAUSE
OF MY
DISCUSSION
WITH THE
KING...

THE
INCIDENT
OCCURRED
THAT
NIGHT.



...AND
THERE
HE WAS!



THERE
WAS NO
MOON,
SO IT WAS
DARK.

...SO I
GOT OUT
OF BED
AND
WENT
OUTSIDE.



BUT THAT
WAS MY
LAST
CONVERSA-
TION WITH
THE KING.

DID HE
WANT TO
HANG
OUT
AGAIN?!

WH-
WHAT?!
CASSIM
?!

CASSIM!
I WAS
SHOCKED.
WHAT WAS
HE DOING
THERE?!

NO, HE
DIDN'T.
ONE AFTER
ANOTHER,
MEN CLIMBED
IN BEHIND
HIM.

HE HAD
BROUGHT
THEM TO
PILLAGE
THE
PALACE!

I RECOG-
NIZED
A FEW
FROM HIS
BAND OF
THIEVES IN
THE SLUMS.

ONLY NOW
ON A MUCH
LARGER
SCALE!!

HE WAS
STILL
STEALING!



THEY'LL
BE
EXECUTED
!!!

WHAT IF
HE GETS
CAUGHT?!

OR
PLEAD
WITH
CASSIM
?!

SHOULD
I CALL
SOME-
ONE?!

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?!

WHY?!!
BUT I
PROMISED!

IF
THEY
ATTACK
ME...

...
SHOULD
I
FIGHT?!

"I
LEAVE
THE
KINGDOM
TO YOU."

HOW?! HOW
DID THIS
HAPPEN?!

I DIDN'T
WANT
CASSIM
TO GET
CAUGHT,
AND I
DIDN'T
WANT THE
PALACE
TO BE
ATTACKED.

I
FROZE
UP.

BECAUSE
I GOT
DRUNK
AND
BLABBED
ABOUT
THE
TUNNEL.

WHY?
BECAUSE
I DIDN'T
SEE WHO
HE TRULY
WAS.

...
I
COULDN'T
CHOOSE.
I WAS A
TOTAL
COWARD.

DEVOTE
MYSELF
TO THE
KINGDOM?
I COULDN'T
HANDLE THE
RESPONSI-
BILITY.



HE
SAW US.
WHADDO
WE DO?



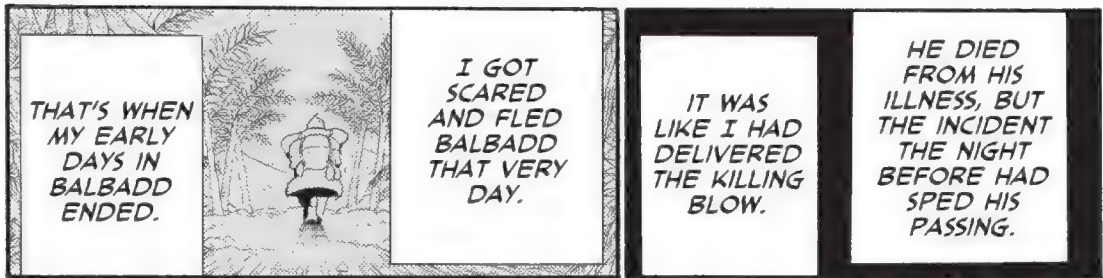
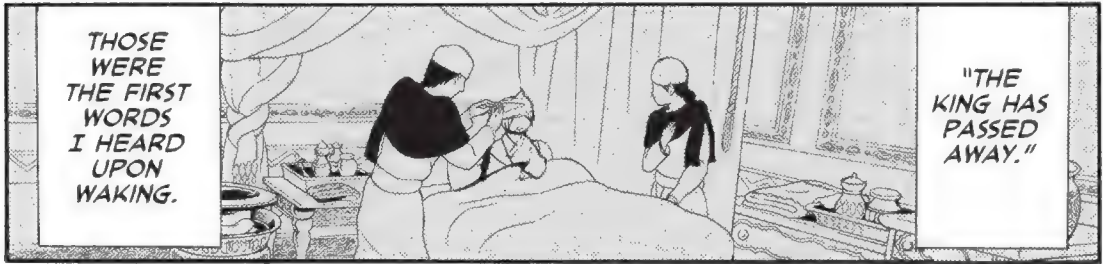
CASSIM SET
FIRE TO THE
SURROUNDING
BUILDINGS
AND RAIDED
THE TREASURE
VAULTS.

...ROARING
FLAMES
AND
PEOPLE
FLEEING.

IN
A DAZE,
I COULD
HEAR...



AND
TO ESCAPE
WITH THE
TREASURE,
HE USED THE
TUNNEL I
HAD TOLD
HIM ABOUT.



Night-40: All Right









...I WAS
SURPRISED
TO FIND
BALBADD IN
TURMOIL.

BUT...



MANY
DIDN'T
EVEN
HAVE FOOD
TO EAT.
WHAT HAD
HAPPENED?

YOU MIGHT
NOT NOTICE
IT HERE,
BUT THE
OUTSKIRTS
ARE A MESS.



IT
WAS...

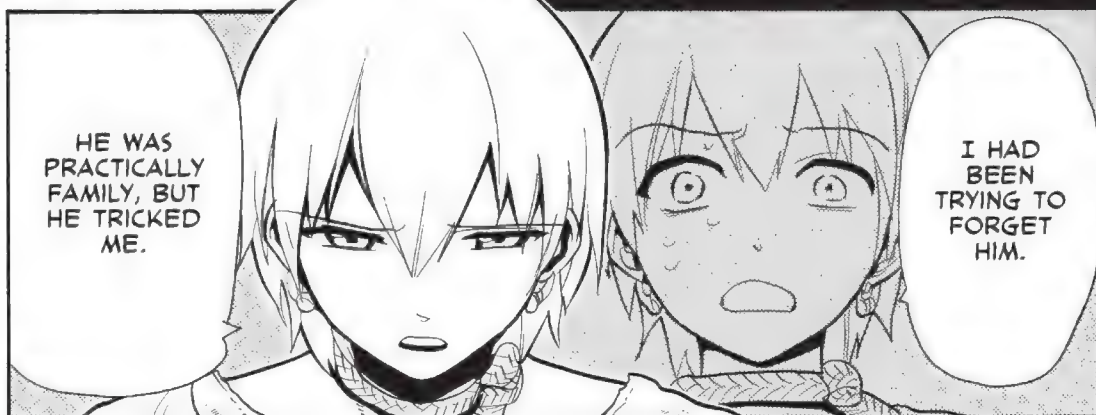


A GROUP
WAS
CLASHING
WITH THE
ROYAL
FORCES.

THEN I
HEARD A
RUMOR.



...THE FOG
TROOP, LED
BY CASSIM!



HE WAS
PRACTICALLY
FAMILY, BUT
HE TRICKED
ME.

I HAD
BEEN
TRYING TO
FORGET
HIM.



IS THAT
YOU...
ALIBABA?

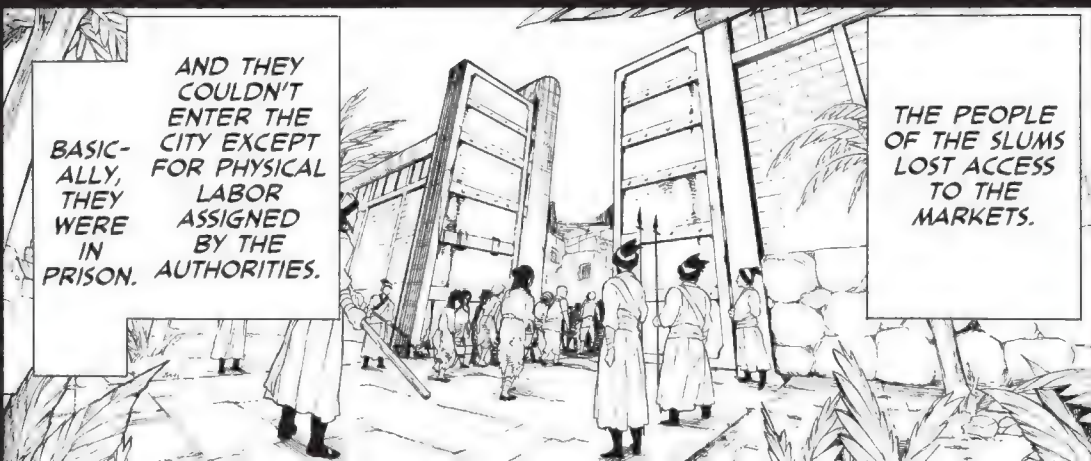


I PAID A
THUG AND
GOT A
MEETING
RIGHT
AWAY.

THE RUMOR
CHANGED MY
MIND. IF I
WANTED TO
SET THINGS
RIGHT, I HAD
TO START WITH
CASSIM.









WE
DIDN'T
HAVE
ANY
DOCTORS
OR
MEDI-
CINE.

THEY
QUARAN-
TINED THE
SLUMS SO IT
WOULDN'T
SPREAD TO
THE PALACE.



...THERE
WAS A
SICKNESS.

THE
YEAR
AFTER
YOU
LEFT THE
SLUMS...



...THERE
WAS
NOTHING
...

AS SHE
SUFFERED
AND
GREW
COLD...

INCLUD-
ING MY
SISTER
MARIAM
...

MANY
DIED IN
HORRIBLE
AGONY.



THERE WAS
NOTHING I
COULD DO!!



...
EVERY-
ONE
WAS
ALL
RIGHT!

BUT YOU
TOLD
ME...




NO...



...HE
ACTED
LIKE NOT
MUCH HAD
CHANGED.

THE NIGHT
WE WENT
DRINKING...



BUT I HAD
ALREADY
DECIDED...



YOU
JUST SAT
THERE
GRINNING
LIKE AN
IDIOT!!

WHAT
ELSE
WAS I
SUPPOSED
TO SAY?!

...TO DO
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
THE
SLUMS!



!!



THAT'S
WHY I
FORMED
THE FOG
TROOP!

AND FOR
THAT, I
NEEDED
STRENGTH!!



AFTER
THAT
RAID,
THE FOG
TROOP WAS
POWERFUL!!



HEARING
ABOUT THE
TUNNEL
HELPED.



IF
NOTHING
CHANGES,
THEY'LL
HUNT US
DOWN
LIKE
MERE
THIEVES!

WE'RE
JUST A
MOTLEY
CREW
OF SLUM
RATS!

BUT
SOME-
THING'S
MISSING!!

WAA
AA



...AND WE
FOUGHT THE
SOLDIERS
OF KING
AHBMAD
SALUJA!!

I
GATHERED
TROOPS
AND
WEAPONS
...





NO, WAIT...
YOU'RE A
PRINCE,
SO BE OUR
LEADER!!

ALIBABA!!
JOIN
THE FOG
TROOP!!



...WON'T
BE A
REBEL
ARMY
ANYMORE!!

THEN
THE FOG
TROOP...



...THAT
DESPITE
WHAT
HAPPENED,
HE WAS MY
FRIEND AND
FAMILY!

TALKING
TO CASSIM
HAD
MADE ME
REALIZE...



SO I
JOINED
THE FOG
TROOP.



I WANTED
TO FIGHT
FOR HIM!!

AND HE
NEEDED
HELP!!



AND
THAT'S
WHAT I'M
GONNA
DO,
ALADDIN!!

THEN
I COULD
REVEAL MY
IDENTITY AND
NEGOTIATE
WITH THAT
CREEP
AHBMAD!



WE
DIVIDED
THE
SPOILS
AMONG
THE
PEOPLE.

I
IMMEDI-
ATELY
TOOK
ACTION.

WITH THEIR
SUPPORT,
WE WOULD
BE MORE
THAN JUST
INSURGENTS.



...I
FEEL
LIKE...

...I'VE
SEEN
THIS
BEFORE.

BUT...

HE'S BEEN
WORRIED
AND ANGRY
AND
FIGHTING...

SO THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENED...

...FOR HIS
PEOPLE
AND HIS
FRIEND.



GASP

GRAA AH



DO NOT
FAIL TO SEE
WHAT YOU
SHOULD
REALLY
PROTECT.

STOP,
YOU
FOOLS!

WAR!

WE
HAVE NO
OTHER
CHOICE!!





...WHAT
ELSE CAN
I DO?!

BUT...



I
CAN'T LET
EVERYONE
SUFFER!

THAT'S
WHY I WAS
PREPARED
TO FIGHT!



SOMEONE
HAS
TO DO
SOME-
THING!!

THIS
COUN-
TRY'S IN
TROUBLE
!!



THEY'RE
SOLDIERS
AND NOBLES,
BUT WE'RE
HURTING
PEOPLE!!

THE
FIGHTING
HAS
CREATED
REFUGEES!



...I KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING!

BUT
...



J-JUST
GET
OUT OF
HERE!!

LEAVE
THIS
COUNTRY
!!

I'M
PATHETIC!

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
THINK!!

THAT'S WHY
I DIDN'T
WANT TO
SEE YOU!



OW!
WHY'D
YOU DO
THAT?!



THIS IS A
DIFFICULT
PROBLEM...

...BUT
IT'S
GOING
TO BE
ALL
RIGHT.

ALL THAT
WORRYING
IS JUST
CONFUSING
YOU.

CALM
DOWN,
ALIBABA.



BOO

NK



...TO HELP
YOUR
FRIEND!!

I'LL
HELP
YOU
FIND A
WAY...



BECAUSE
I'M GOING
TO HELP
YOU FIGURE
THINGS
OUT!



TOGETHER,
WE'LL COME
UP WITH
SOMETHING!

UGO
AND
MORGI-
ANA
ARE
HERE,
TOO!



...ABOUT
IT
TOGETHER.

LET'S
THINK...



NO
PROB-
LEM!

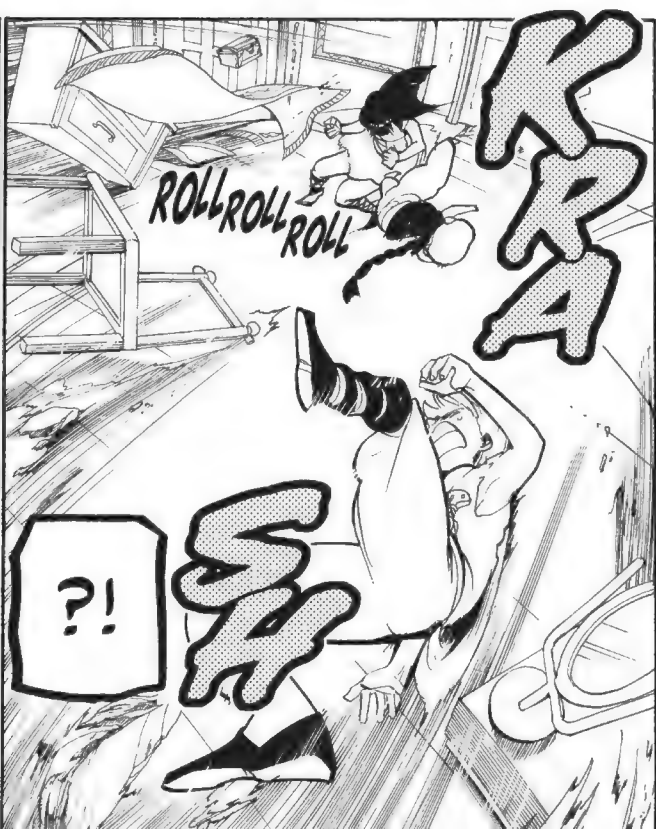
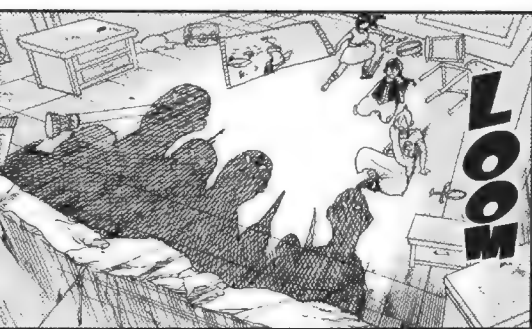
S'OKAY
!

SORRY
FOR
YELLING.

...

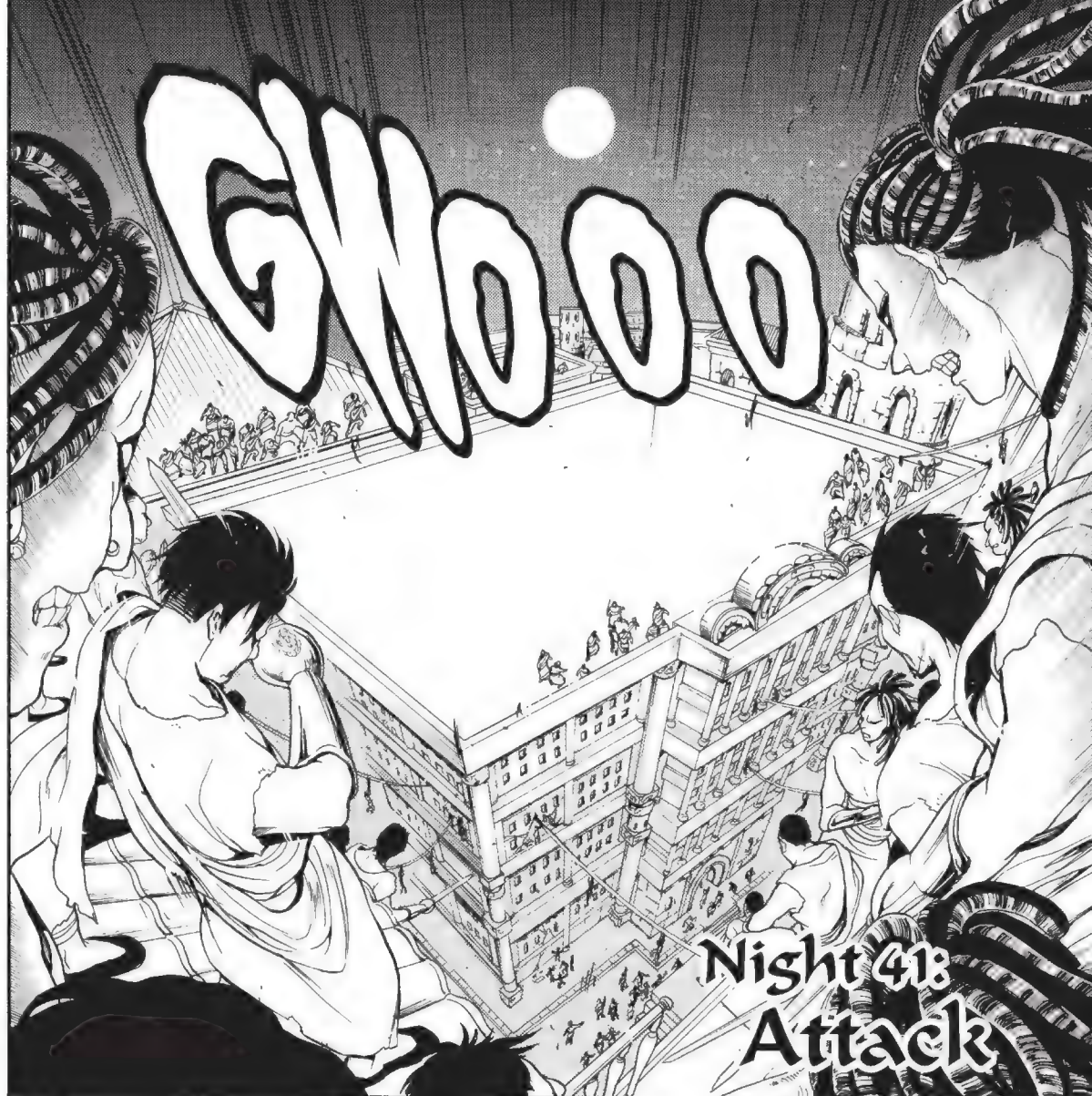


ALADDIN...







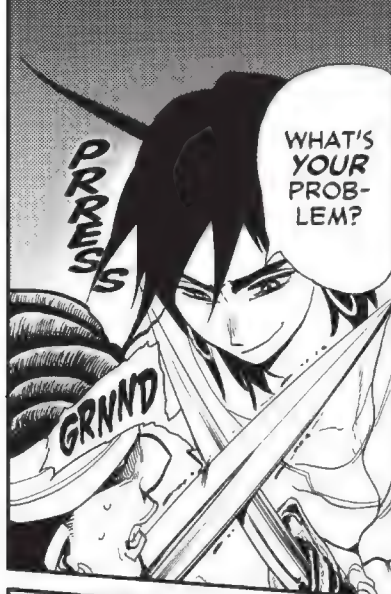
















WE'LL
TALK
LATER!!
THERE'S
NO
TIME
NOW!!



SINBAD?
YOU MEAN
THAT
SINBAD?!



WATCH
OUT,
CASSIM!



GASP
HUP

LET'S
GO,
ALIBABA
!



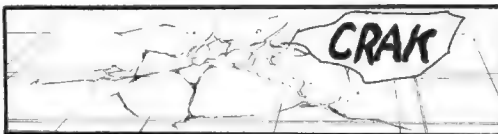
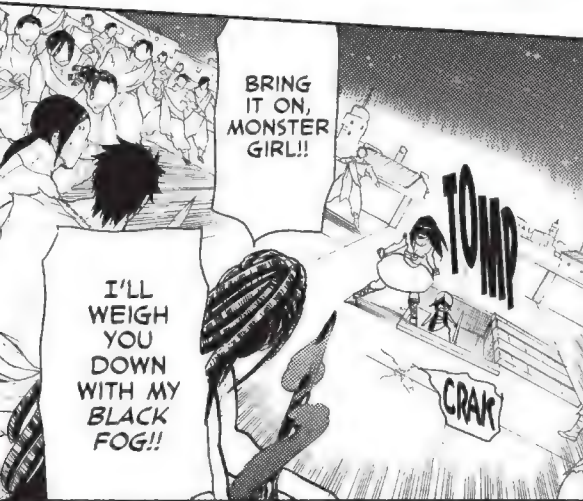
WHAT?!
SHE'S A
MON-
STER!

There's
a hole
in the
wall...

LET'S
GO,
CASSIM!!



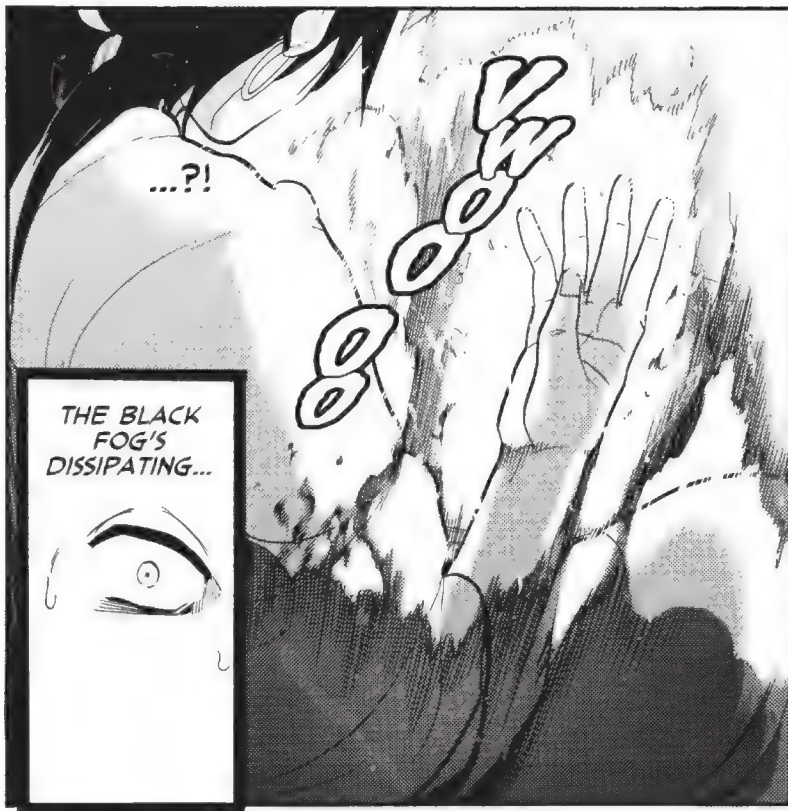
?!













...IS
USED TO
STRANGE
POWERS!



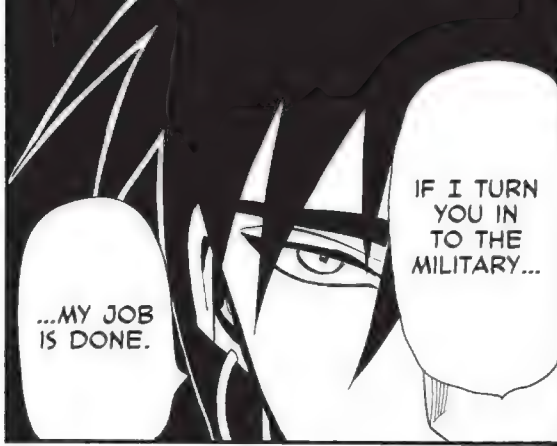
MAGIC
ITEMS
THAT
WEAK
WON'T
WORK
ON ME.

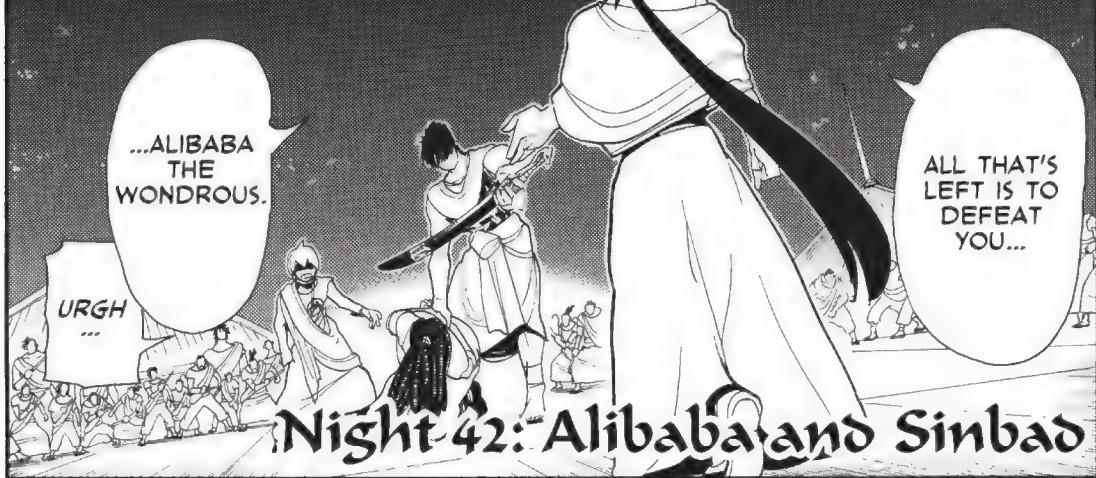


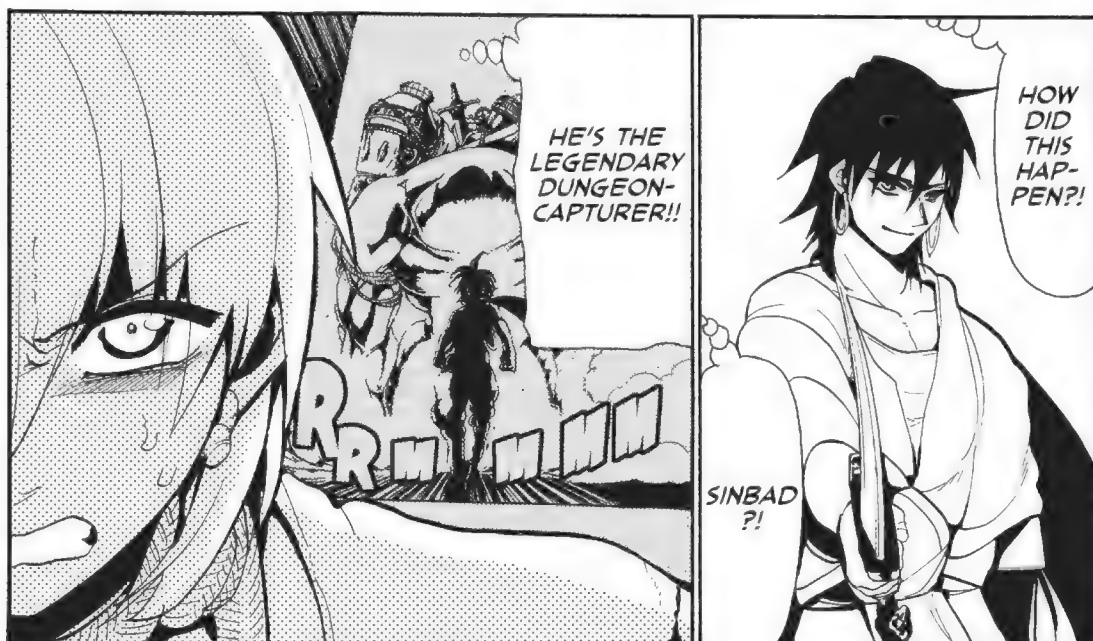
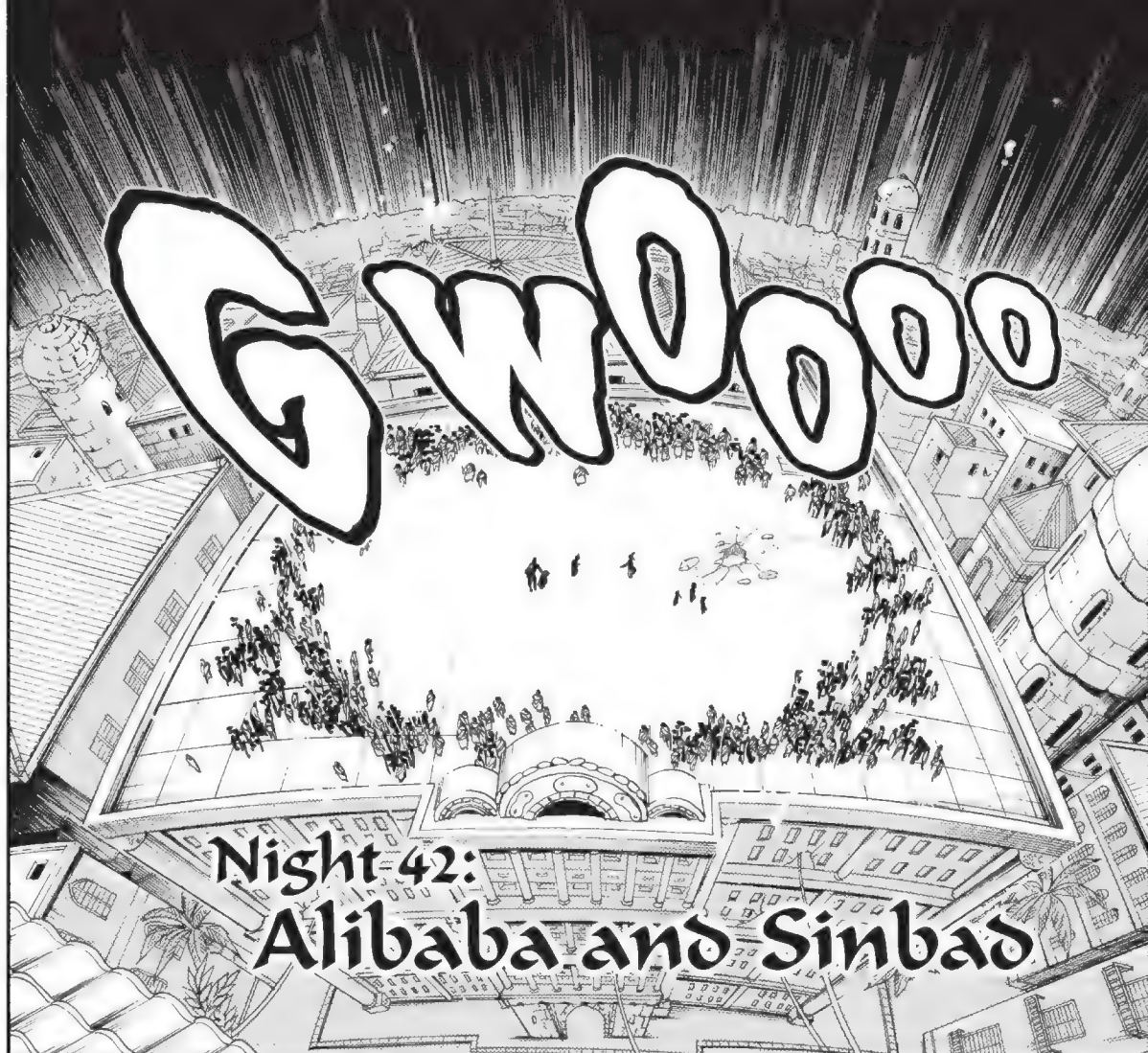
ARGH
!!

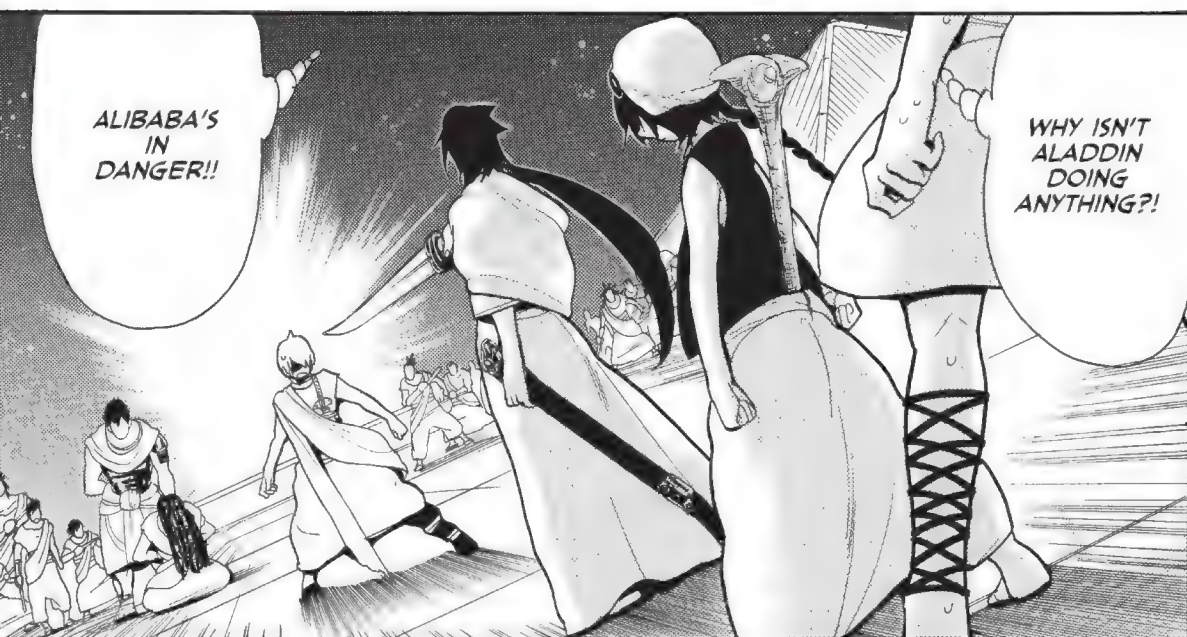
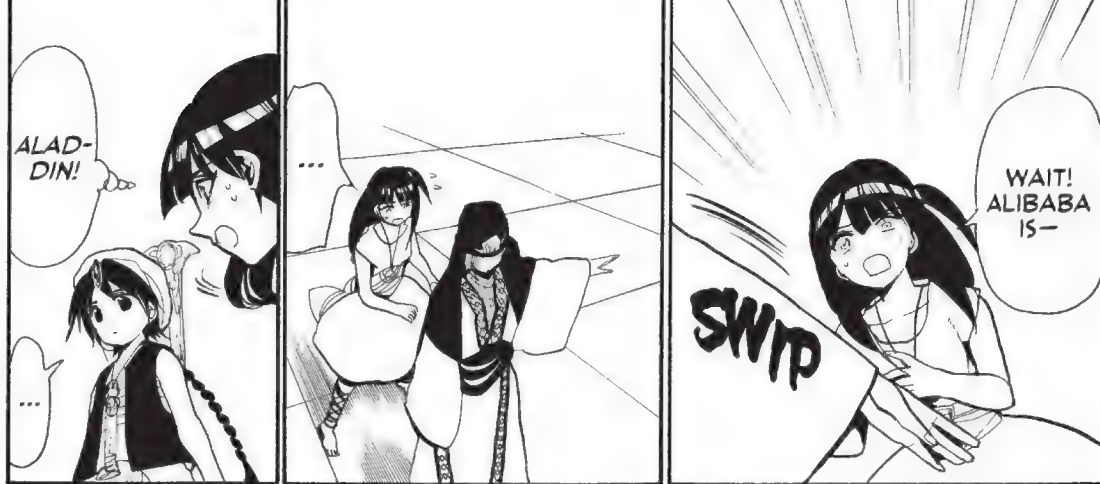


ANYTHING
ELSE
YOU'D LIKE
TO TRY?











GET
OUR
LEADER
TO
SAFETY!!

HEY,
YOU
BLOCK-
HEADS!



ALIBABA!
RUN!!

GET
OUT
OF
HERE!!



YOU
GONNA
RUN?

BUT
WHAT DO
YOU SAY,
ALIBABA?



AFTER
ALL, **HE**
HAD THE
REAL
POWER.

EITHER
WAY,
THE FOG
TROOP'S
FINISHED.



NOT SO
FAST.

THAT'S
ONE
OPTION.



YOU'RE
NOT LIKE
THEM,
ANYWAY.

REGARD-
LESS,
ALIBABA
...
YOU
CAN
RUN
IF YOU
WANT.



URGH!



THEY'RE
DIFFER-
ENT
FROM
YOU.

THEY'RE
JUST SLUM
RATS.

...?

DON'T
SAY
IT!

NO...

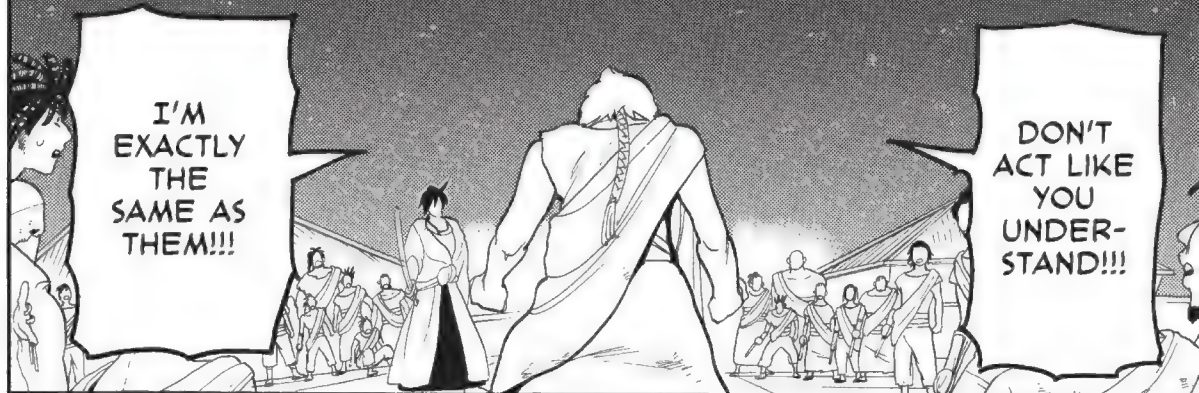
AFTER
ALL...

YOU
PRETEND
TO BE THE
SAME, BUT
YOU'RE NOT,
RIGHT?

...YOU'RE
A
PRINCE!

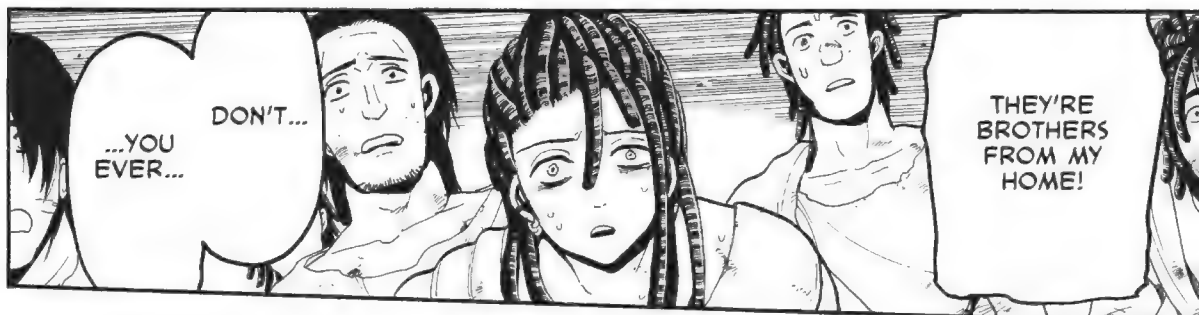
WHAT'S HE
TALKING
ABOUT...?

**SHUT
UP!!!!**



I'M
EXACTLY
THE
SAME AS
THEM!!!

DON'T
ACT LIKE
YOU
UNDER-
STAND!!!



...YOU
EVER...

DON'T...

THEY'RE
BROTHERS
FROM MY
HOME!



...OF
THAT
BOND!!!

...MAKE
FUN...



...AND
GRANT
ME
GREAT
POWER!

...TO
ACCEPT
MY
MAGO!...

...I
BESEECH
THEE
AND
THY
KIN...

SPIRIT
OF
DECORUM
AND
AUSTER-
ITY...









...YOU
DON'T
KNOW
HOW TO
USE A
DJINN.

ALIBABA...

WHAT
WILL KING
AHBMAD
DO TO
THE FOG
TROOP?

WE'RE
DONE
HERE. I'M
TAKING YOU
TO THE
MILITARY.

UGH

AND THEY
KNEW
THAT.

THAT'S THE
PUNISHMENT
FOR
TREASON.

HE'LL
EXECUTE
THEM.

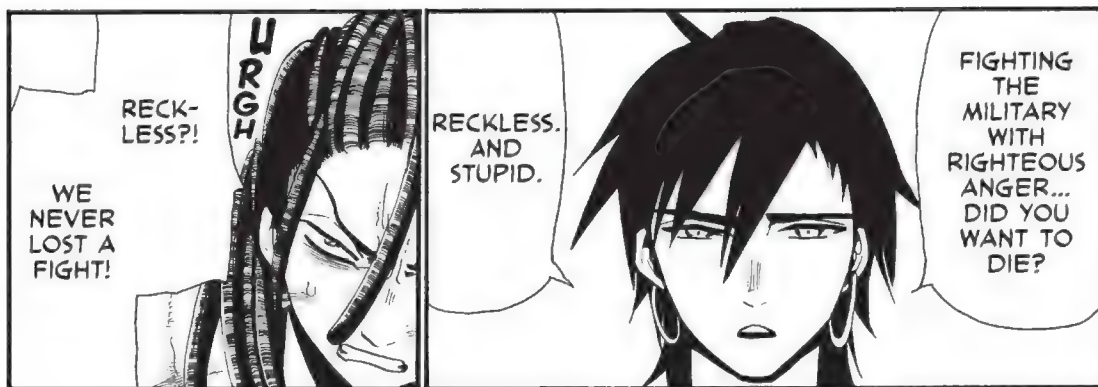
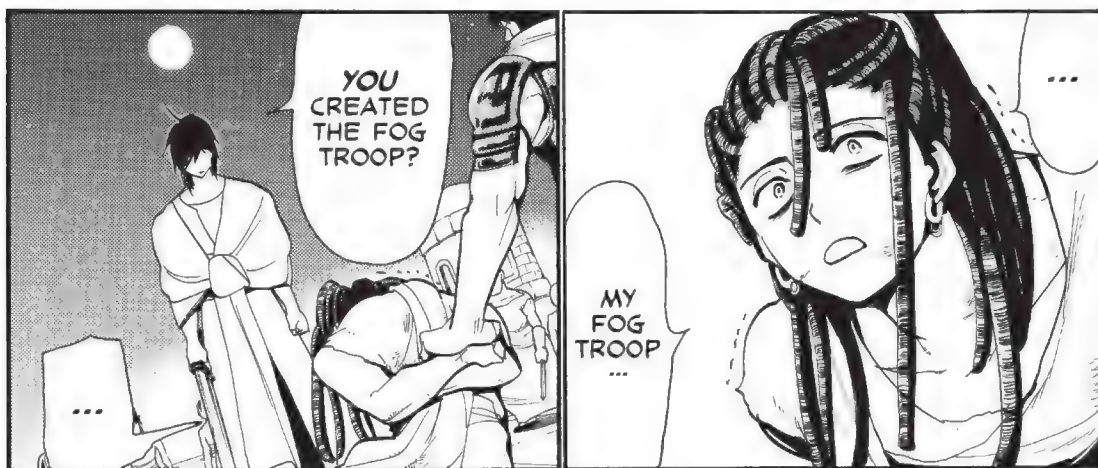
NO,
WAIT!

ME,
TOO!

AND
ME!

TUMP

NO WAY!
I JUST
JOINED UP
FOR SOME
EXCITEMENT!





I COULD
DESTROY
YOU
SINGLE-
HANDEDLY!!

THE
FOG
TROOP
IS
WEAK!



...ON A
PATH TO
DESTRUC-
TION!!

YOU
INVOLVED
OTHERS IN
A HOPELESS
FIGHT...



ARGH
!!



JOIT

!!



YOU'RE SO
STUPID
THAT YOU
DON'T EVEN
KNOW...

...HOW
POWERLESS
YOU ARE!



HOW-
EVER
!!

...WILL
BE DEA-

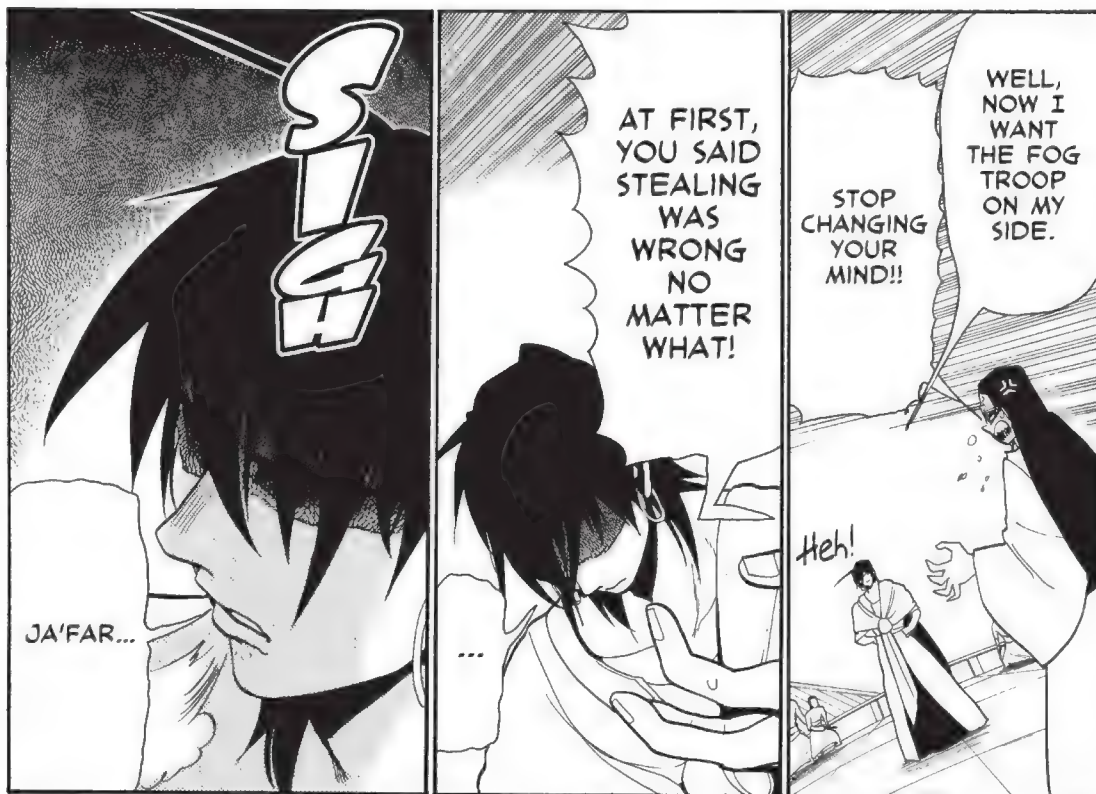
THEIR
PUNISH-
MENT...



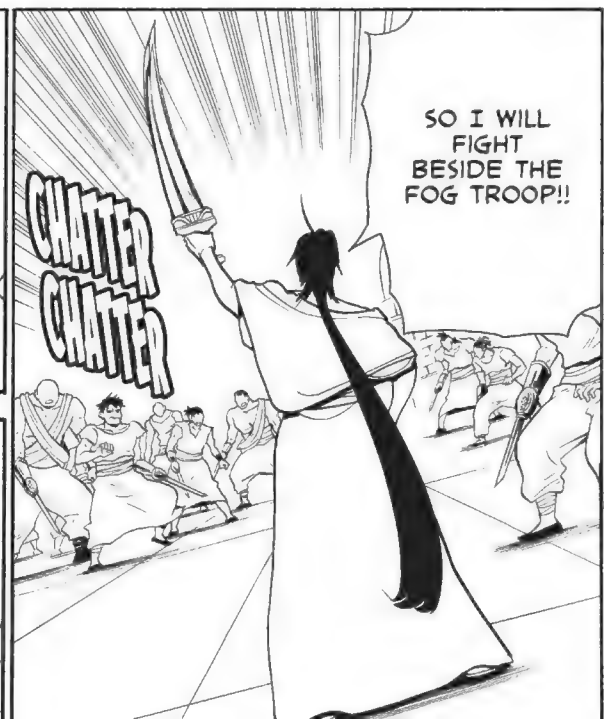
THIS IS
WHAT
HAPPENS
TO
"CHIVAL-
ROUS
THIEVES."

LOOK,
YOU
TWO.











SINBAD'S
FUNNY!

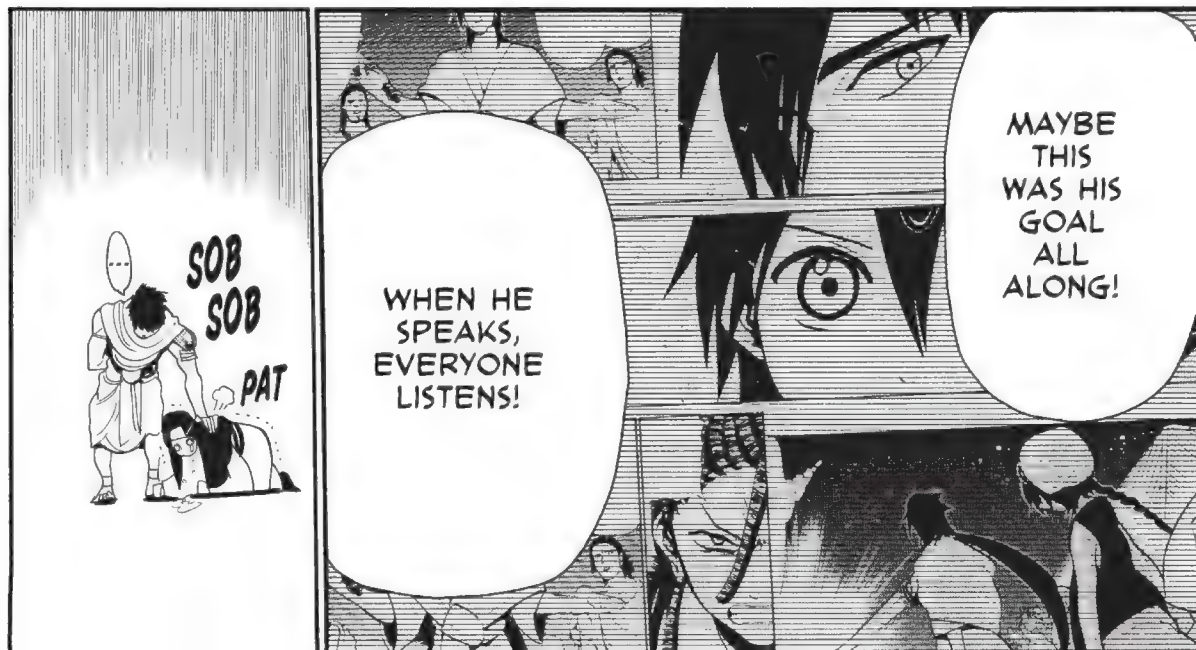
WHAT
IS IT,
ALADDIN?

HEH
HEH
HEH



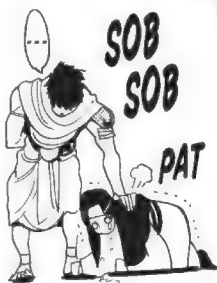
I CAN
SEE WHY
HE'S SO
FAMOUS!

HE'S
NOT LIKE
OTHER
PEOPLE!



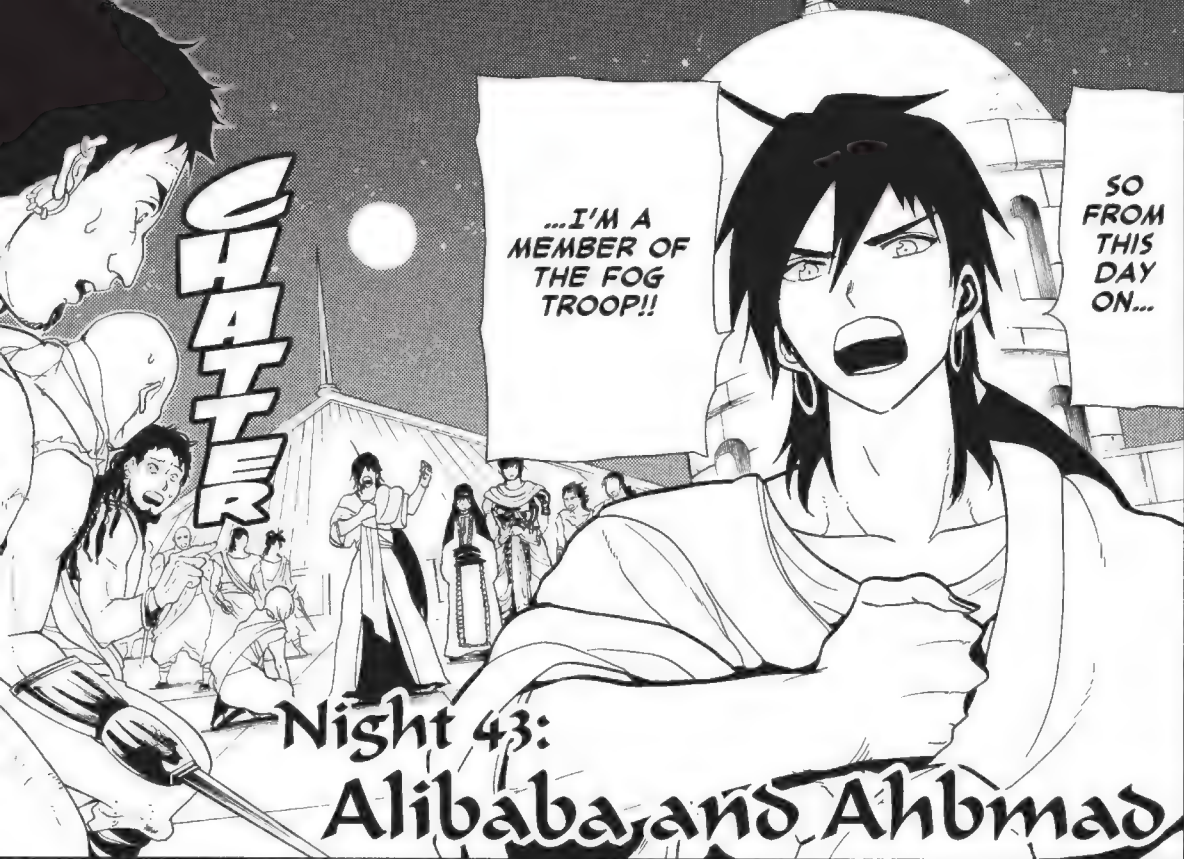
WHEN HE
SPEAKS,
EVERYONE
LISTENS!

MAYBE
THIS
WAS HIS
GOAL
ALL
ALONG!

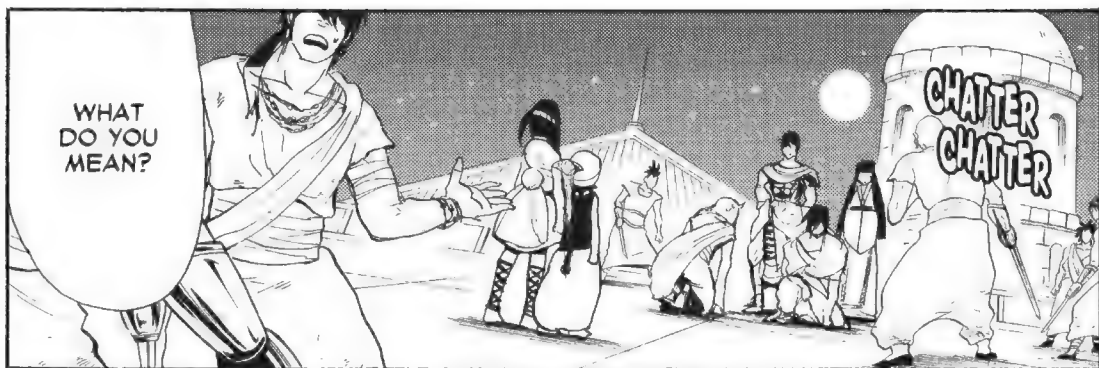


SOB
SOB

PAT









WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

ONE
ABNORMALITY
IS THE
TURMOIL IN
BALBADD, SO
I WANT TO
FIX IT.



THE
REFUGEES
AND
ECONOMIC
DAMAGE...

...ARE
WREAK-
ING
HAVOC.



DON'T
LET HIM
FOOL
YOU!

HE HAS
A CLEAR
ADVANTAGE,
BUT HE'S
ASKING
ME?!



...?!



A KING
WANTS
TO JOIN
US?

YOU
WON'T
TRICK
ME!



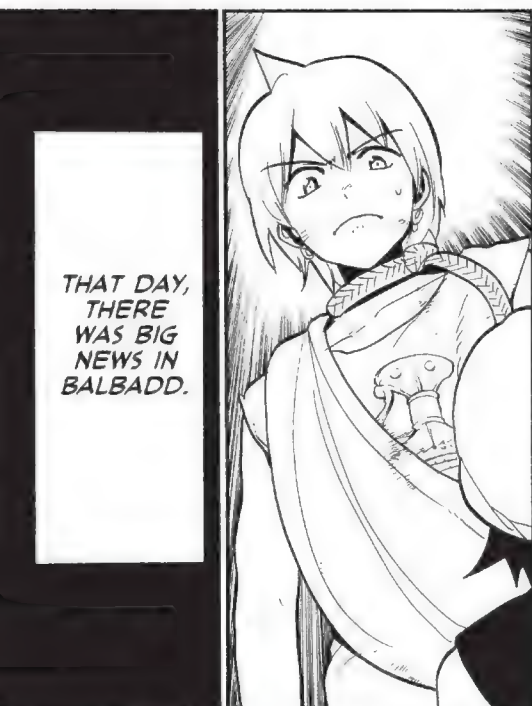
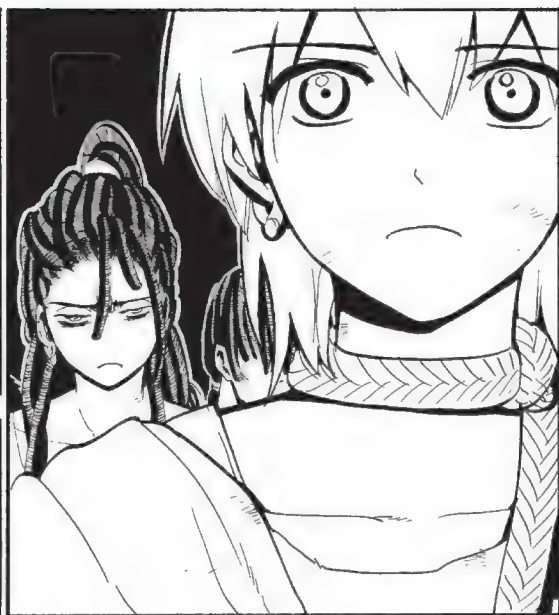
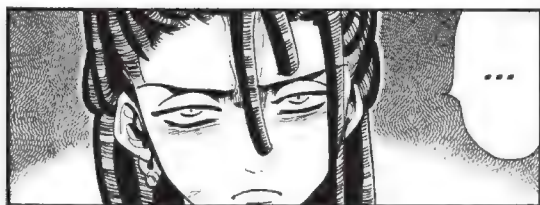
CASSIM
!





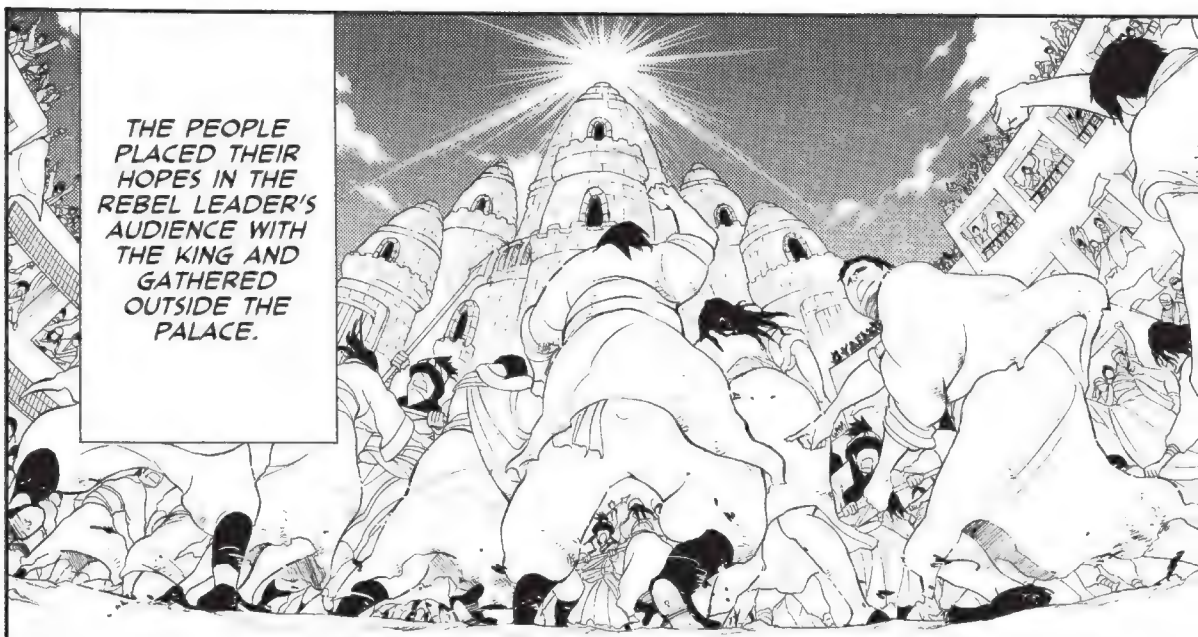




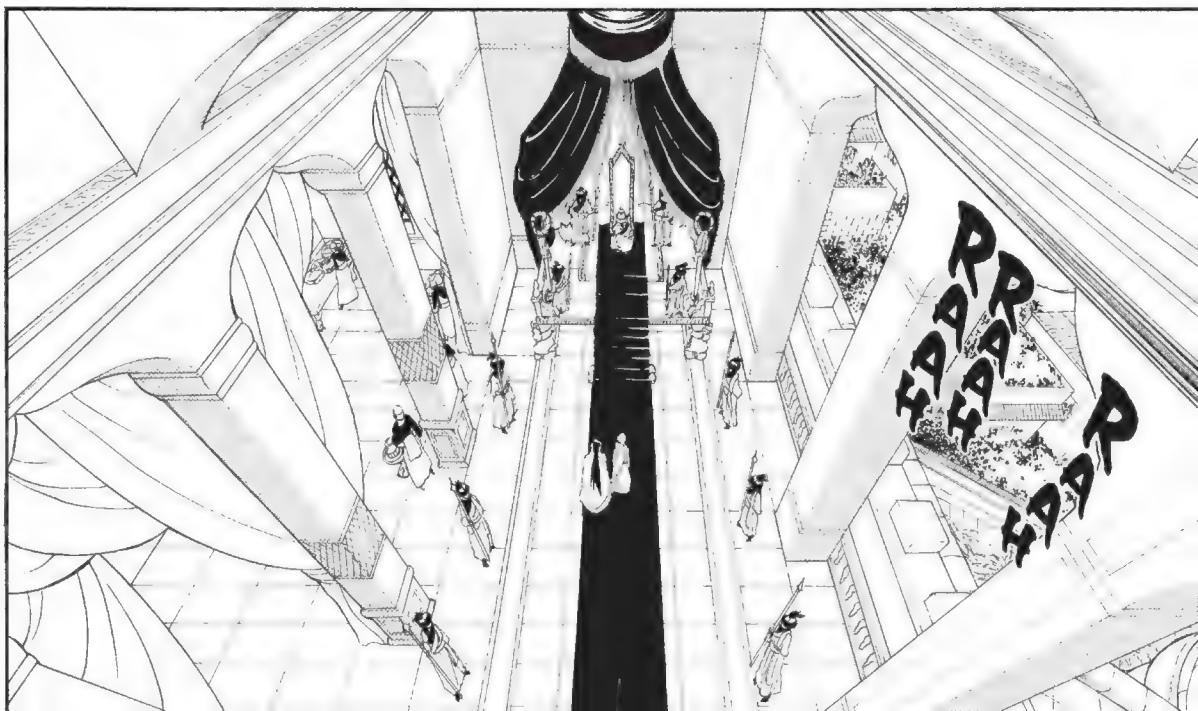




ALIBABA THE
WONDROUS,
LEADER OF
THE FOG
TROOP, THE
THIRD PRINCE
OF BALBADD,
HAD
ENTERED
THE ROYAL
PALACE.

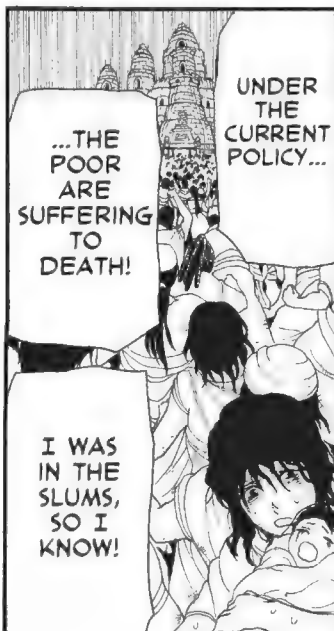


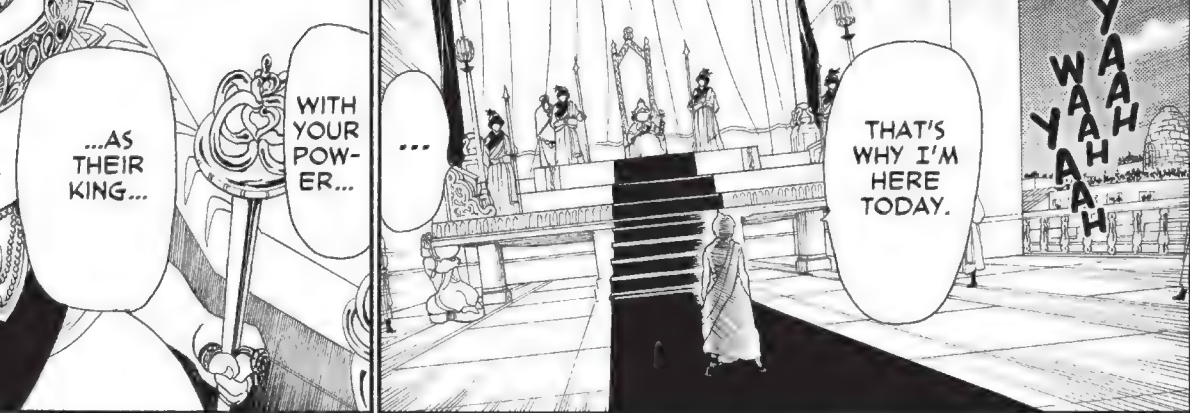
THE PEOPLE
PLACED THEIR
HOPES IN THE
REBEL LEADER'S
AUDIENCE WITH
THE KING AND
GATHERED
OUTSIDE THE
PALACE.



サッ
サッ
サッ









I DO NOT
NEGOTIATE
WITH SCUM
LIKE YOU!

I AM
AHBMAD
SALUJA,
23RD
MONARCH
OF THE
KINGDOM OF
BALBADD.

HOW
DARE A
COMMON-
ER SPEAK
TO THE
KING!



...I WOULD
LOP OFF
YOUR
HEAD!

IF
THE KING
OF SINDRIA
WEREN'T
PROTECTING
YOU...

A
FOUNDLING
FROM THE
SLUMS
CANNOT
BE MY
BROTHER.



...THANKS
TO THOSE
MAGGOTS
OUTSIDE.

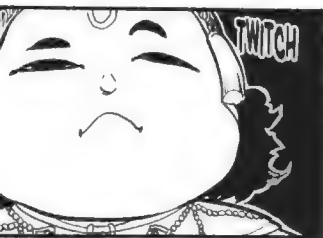
NOW
LEAVE
ME.
I
DON'T
FEEL
WELL...

SIGH





**NO
RIGHT
AT
ALL!!!!**



TWITCH



**WHAT
IS THIS
COMMO-
TION, KING
AHBMAD?**

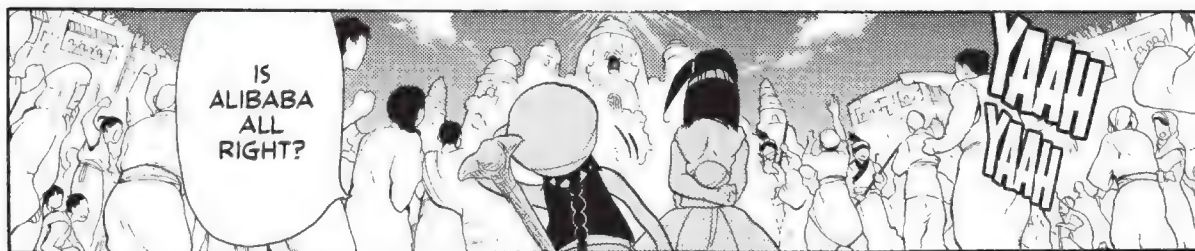


**IF YOU
TALK
THAT WAY
ABOUT
YOUR
OWN
PEOPLE...**

**...YOU
HAVE
NO
RIGHT
TO BE
KING!!!**



OH!
YOU'VE
RE-
TURNED,
BANKER?



IS
ALIBABA
ALL
RIGHT?

YAAH
YAAH



SO MANY
PEOPLE!
I SHOULD
HAVE
BROUGHT
MY CARPET!

UGH
...



WHERE'S
THE
REST OF
THE FOG
TROOP?

BACK
AT
THEIR
HIDEOUT.

OH
...



WITH
ALL THIS
SUPPORT, I
THINK HE'LL
BE FINE.

YEAH...

ALIBABA
ALIBABA
ALIBABA







Night-44: Black-Sun







PREVIOUS VISITORS?

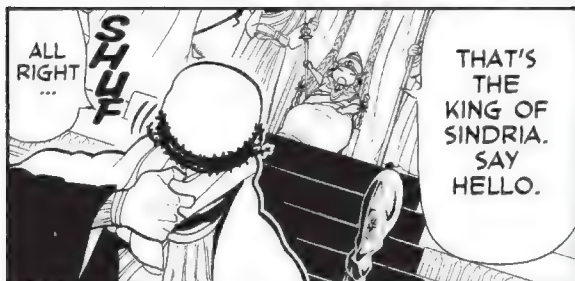
HM?

I CAN BARELY STAND IT.

HA HA

FWIP FWIP

BALBADD IS ALWAYS SO HUMID.



ALL RIGHT ...

SHH

THAT'S THE KING OF SINDRIA. SAY HELLO.



GRIN GRIN

AT PRESENT, I COUNSEL BALBADD ON FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

NICE TO MEET YOU!



I'M THE BANKER, MARUKKIO.

GREETINGS, KING OF SINDRIA!

GRIN









WAIT.
WE'RE
NOT
DONE
TALKING.

I FORGIVE
YOU
FOR THE
RUMORS.
BESIDES,
I'M BUSY.



SIGH

YOU
CAN GO
NOW,
SINBAD.



WHY
NOT?

SORRY.
I CAN'T
KEEP THAT
PROMISE.



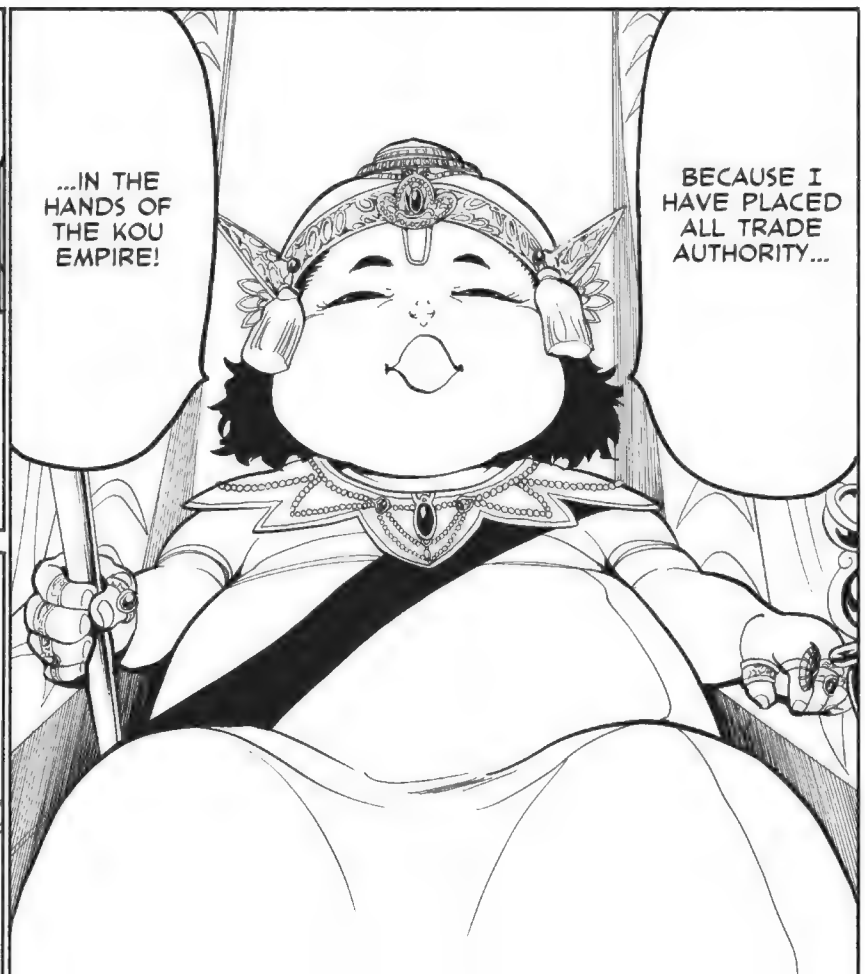
OH, YOU
MEAN
REOPENING
TRADE
WITH
SINDRIA?

WHAT'S
LEFT
TO
DISCUSS
?



...

...?!



...IN THE
HANDS OF
THE KOU
EMPIRE!

BECAUSE I
HAVE PLACED
ALL TRADE
AUTHORITY...



Sorry
for
not
telling
you

I ONLY
TRADE WITH
COUNTRIES
THEY
APPROVE.



THAT'S
RIGHT!!

SHUP

MY BANKER
SAYS THIS
WILL LEAD TO
BALBADD'S
ECONOMIC
RECOVERY.



AHBMAD,
YOU'RE
LETTING
THE KOU
EMPIRE
RULE
BAL-
BADD?

OF
COURSE
NOT.



...WHY NOT
ENTRUST
EVERYTHING
TO US?

AND SINCE
YOU'RE A
KING, TOO...



BUILDING
PEACEFUL,
ECONOMIC
BRIDGES
BETWEEN
NATIONS
IS WHAT WE
BANKERS
DO!

TWITCH



AND THIS
COUNTRY IS
ALREADY
UNDER ITS
SWAY...



...BUT HE'S
PART
OF THAT
ORGANIZATION!

HIS
FACE AND
NAME ARE
DIFFERENT...

I
KNEW
IT!



...THE
PEOPLE
WHO ARE
SUFFERING
!!

PROMISE
ME RIGHT
NOW THAT
YOU WILL
PROTECT...



WAIT A
SECOND!
I'M NOT
DONE!



...AS
KING!

PROM-
ISE
ME...



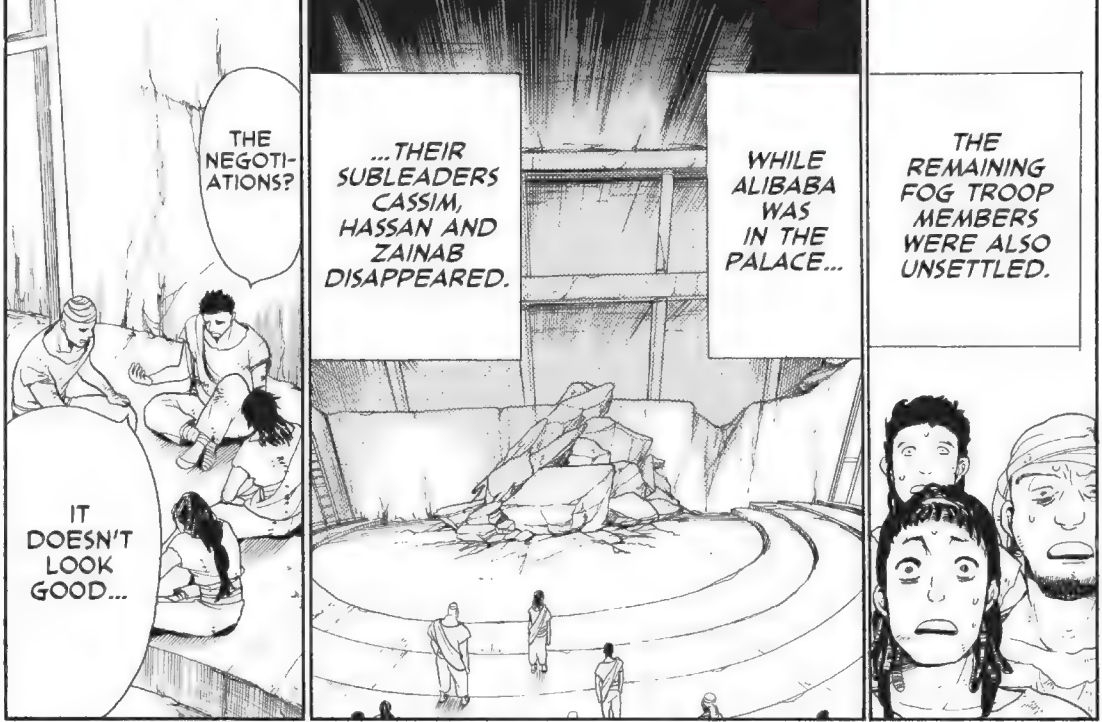
I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
ANYTHING
THAT
GARBAGE
IS TALKING
ABOUT
ANYWAY.



TOSS
THAT
THING
OUT OF
HERE.

YAWN
...









...HAS
MOVED
THE
PEOPLE.

CAN
YOU
HEAR
THAT? YOUR
COURAGE IN
FACING THE
KING...



THANK
YOU,
ALADDIN.

...
YOU
MADE A
CHANGE!

SO YOU
DID GAIN
SOME-
THING.



I
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
TO
SAY!

BUT THE
NEGOTI-
ATIONS
BROKE
DOWN.

RAAH
RAAH
RAAH

BUT
WHAT DO
WE DO
NOW?

WE HAVE
TO TELL
SOMETHING
TO THE FOG
TROOP AND
THE PEOPLE
OUTSIDE.

I
UNDER-
STAND
...

NOK
NOK

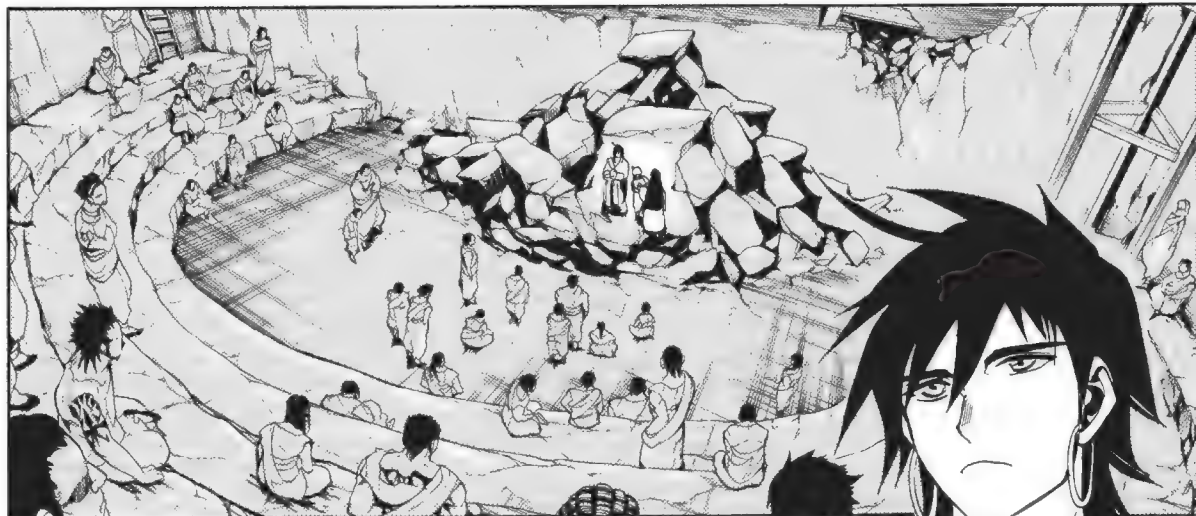
SILENCE



SIN IS
TELLING THE
FOG TROOP
ABOUT
TODAY.

PLEASE,
COME.

KACHAK



SILENCE

LET'S
START
...



AS
LEADER,
YOU
SHOULD
BE
THERE.



TODAY'S
NEGOTIATIONS
BROKE DOWN.



IT'S ALL OVER...

OH NO...



MILITARY ACTION IS NOW CERTAIN.

THE KING BRUSHED OUR DEMANDS ASIDE.



TO CARE FOR YOUR FAMILIES.

TO ESCAPE POVERTY.

SOME OF YOU MAY NOT HAVE HELD SUCH LOFTY GOALS...



NOTHING IS OVER.



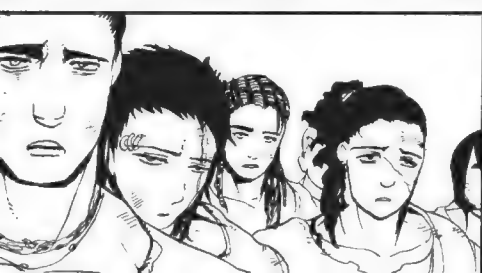
...?

WHAT WERE YOU FIGHTING FOR?



...YOU PRESENTED YOUR CASE BEFORE THE KING.

...AND YET TODAY ...



...YOU HAD TO RESORT TO THIEVERY...

...BUT WHATEVER YOUR PURPOSE...



...WITH
YOUR
OPPRES-
SORS!!!

...YOU
OPENLY
GRAP-
PLED...

TODAY
...

...FOR
THE FIRST
TIME...



...REALLY
THINK THIS
IS THE
END?!

DOES EVEN
ONE AMONG
YOU TODAY...



AND
NEVER
FORGET!

REMEMBER
WHY YOU
TOOK UP
ARMS!



GOOD.

THEN I WILL
LEND YOU
MY FULL
STRENGTH.





IF
BALBADD
DRIVES
YOU OUT,
SINDRIA WILL
ACCEPT YOU
AS CITIZENS!



WHATEVER
HAPPENS, WE
WILL PREVAIL.



THE WORLD
IS AN UNFAIR
PLACE.



DON'T
WORRY.
I'LL
HANDLE
IT!

HA
HA
HA

ACCEPTING
MORE
REFUGEES
WILL STRAIN
SINDRIA'S
FINANCIAL
STATE!

SIN!

PSST PSST



THAT'S
WHY I
ESTABLISHED
MY
COUNTRY!

I WELCOME
THOSE WHO
WOULD FIGHT
AGAINST THAT.





ALADDIN,
YOU'VE
MADE QUITE
A FRIEND!



YEAH.
HE'S A
TRUE
KING!

WOW...



Y
A
Y
Y
A
Y
Y



HEH



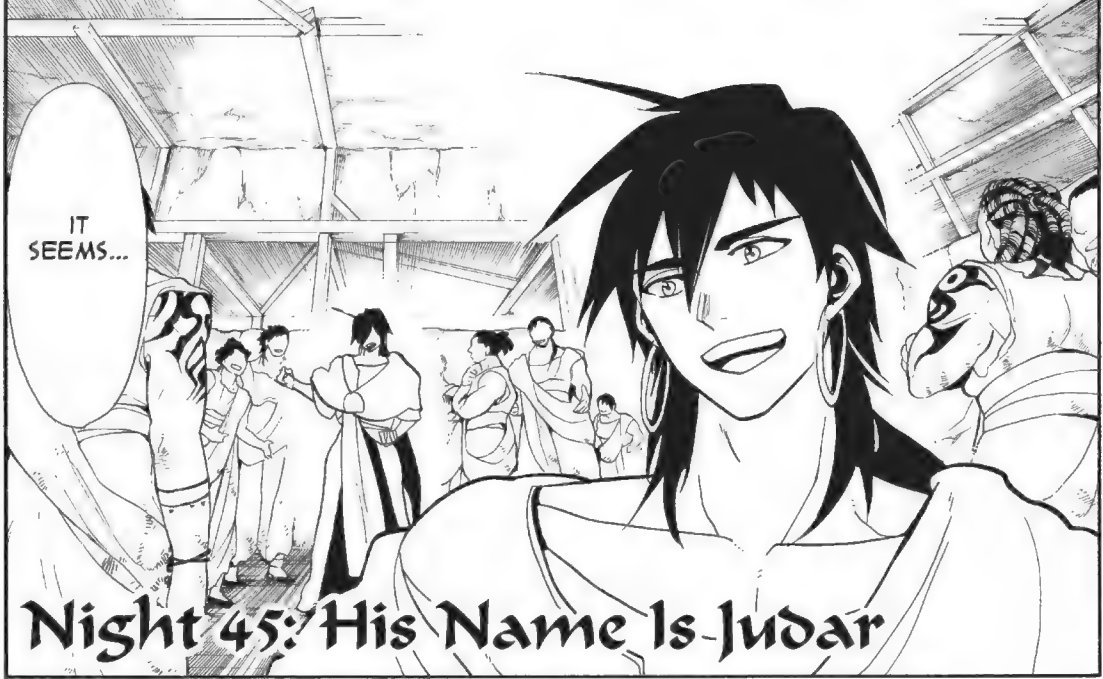
...SO THIS
IS WHERE
THE IDIOT
KING IS.

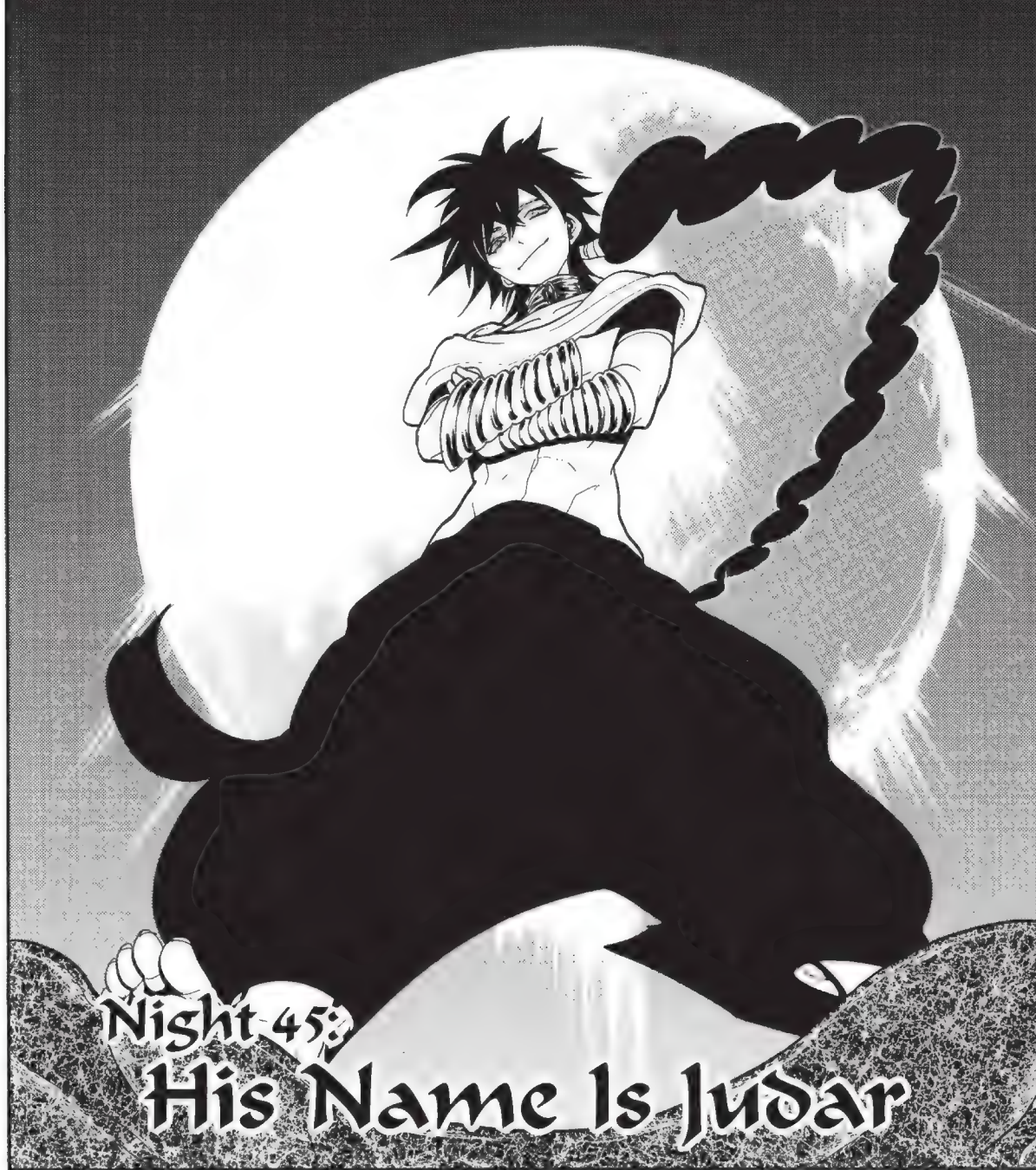


WELL,
WELL...



MAYBE
I SHOULD
DROP IN...











AND
EVEN AN
ARMY OF
DUNGEON
CREATURES!

AND A
GENERAL
WHO'S A
DUNGEON-
CAPTURER!

THEY
HAVE
LOTS OF
SOLDIERS!

THE KOU
EMPIRE IS
STRONG!



YOU...



PRETTY
NEAT,
RIGHT?



AND...

HIS NAME
IS JUDAR.
WE'VE
CROSSED
PATHS
WITH HIM
BEFORE.



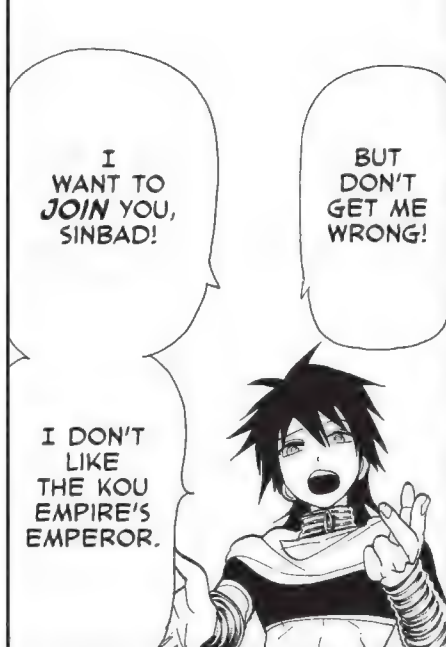
?!

...HE
IS A
MAGI!
LIKE
YOU.



JA'FAR...

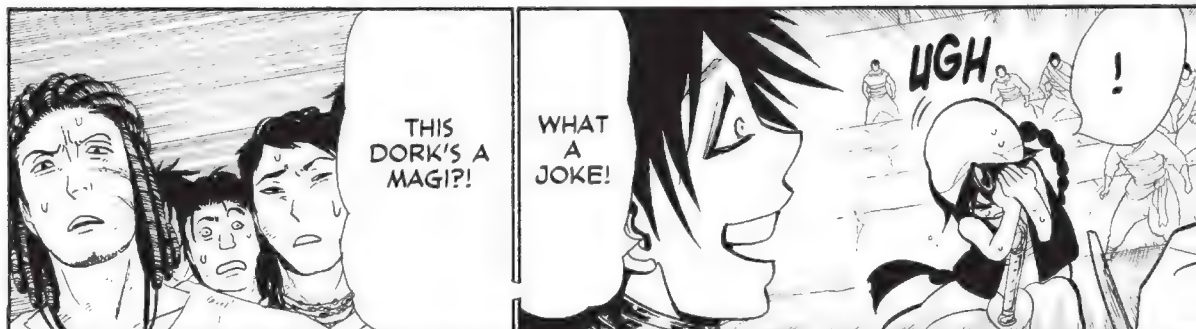
...WHO
IS
THAT?

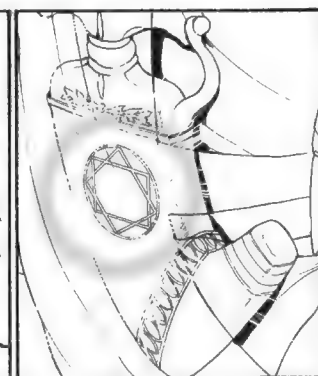
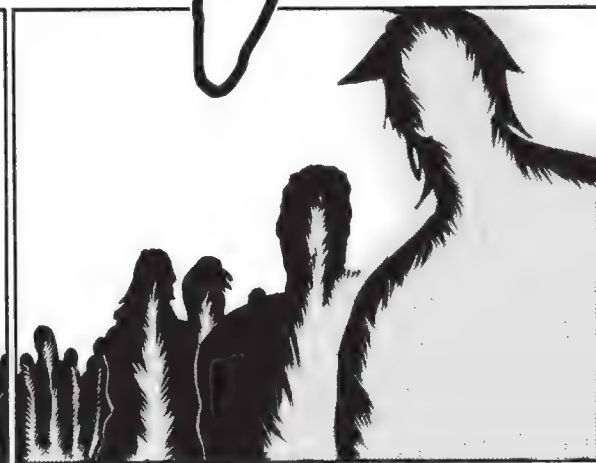
















HE'S NOT
PATHETIC
!!!



ALIBABA
ISN'T
PATHETIC!



HUH?



HE'S
BRAVE!!



...DID
WHAT NO
ONE ELSE
COULD!

BUT HE
SWALLOWED
HIS FEAR
AND FOR
EVERYONE'S
SAKE...

HE KNEW
AHEAD OF
TIME THAT
THE KING
WOULDN'T
LISTEN!





TAKE THAT!!

WH

ACK



JUDAR!!

SEE?
WHAT
A WIMP!



UGH!!



CHIRP

ARE
YOU
STUPID?!



SINBAD,
WHY
ARE YOU
HANGING
AROUND
WITH THESE
NOBODIES!



OH...

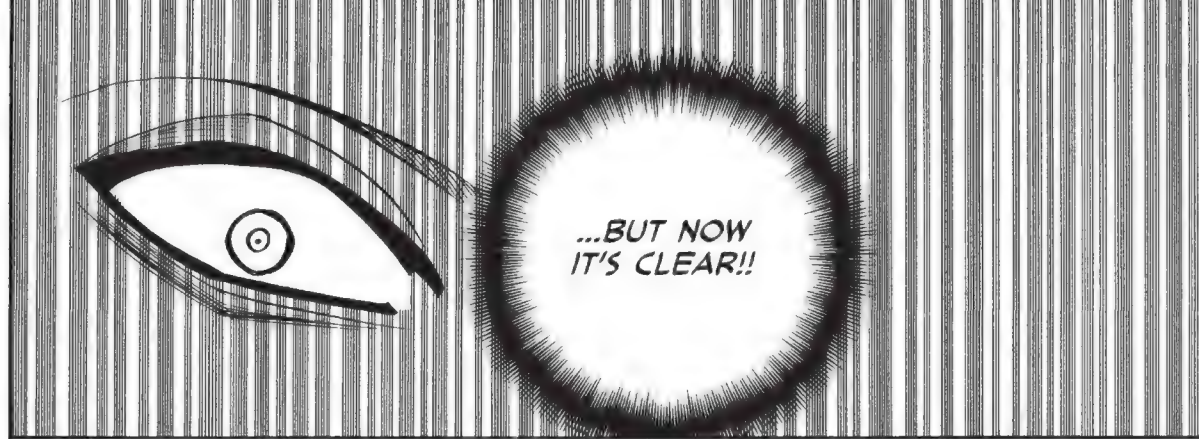
...YOU
WANNA
FIGHT,
HUH?



IT WAS
VAGUE
AT
FIRST...

...I'VE
HAD
EVER
SINCE
SEEING
HIM?

WHAT
IS THIS
FEELING...







YOU CAN'T
STOP ME
ANYWAY.

I
NOTICED
EARLIER
THAT YOU
DON'T
HAVE...



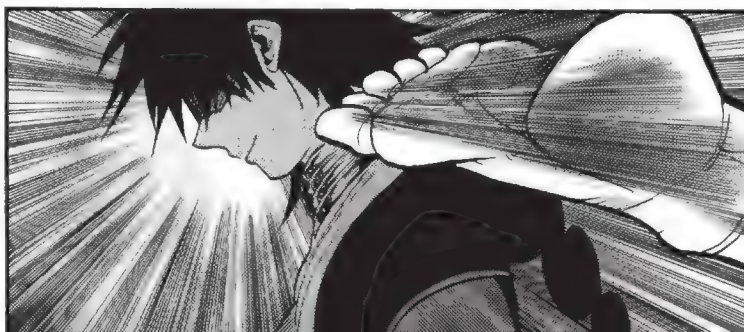
QUIET,
SINBAD.

THIS IS
BETWEEN
MAGI.
NORMAL
HUMANS
SHOULD
STAY OUT.



URGH!!

...A
SINGLE
METAL
VESSEL
ON YOU!!



MUSRUR
!!

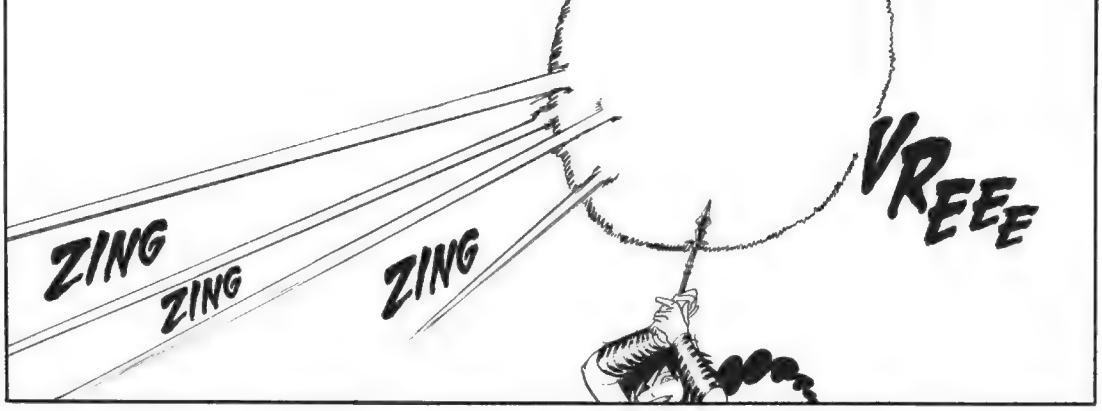
HE'S
RIGHT.
I'M
NOT
STRONG
ENOUGH.

WHSH

YES-
SIR.

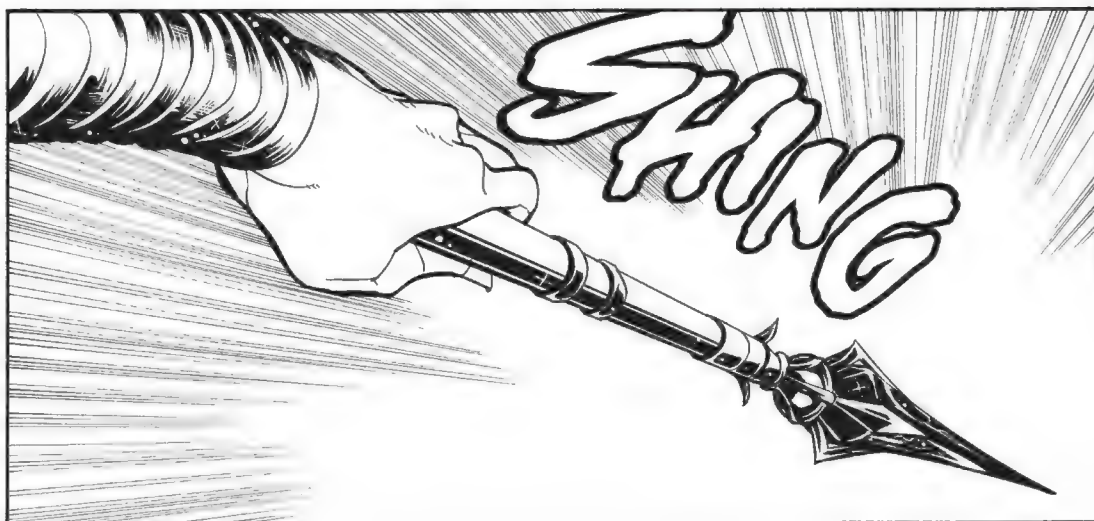


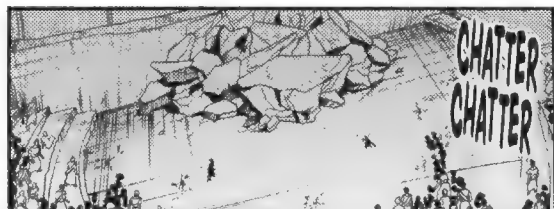


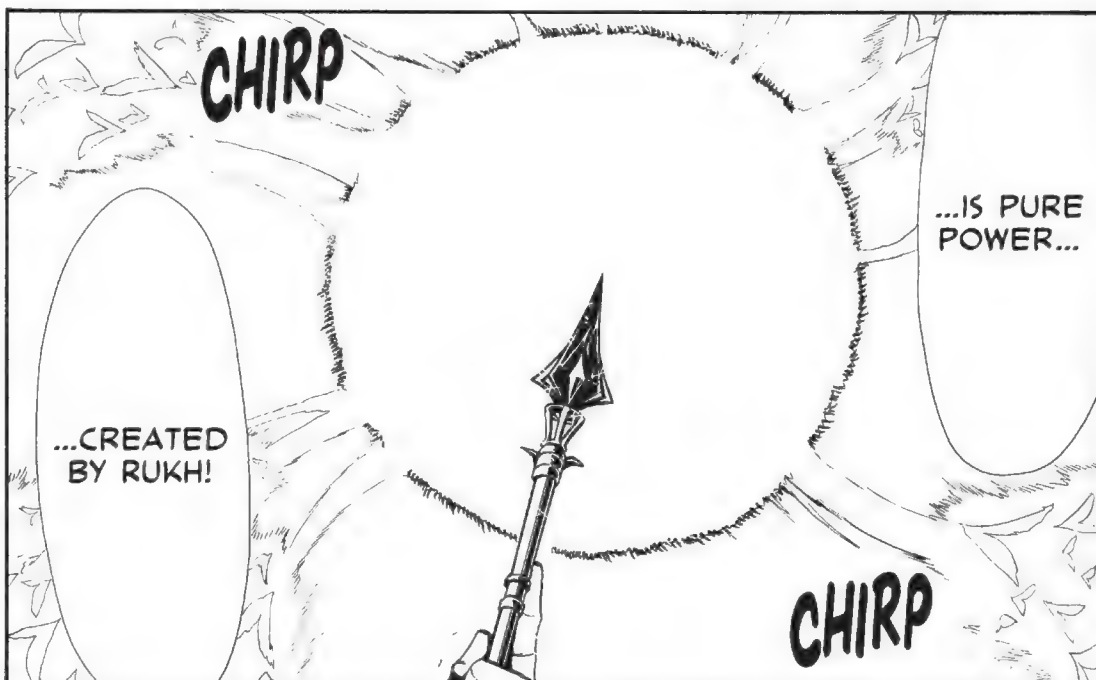
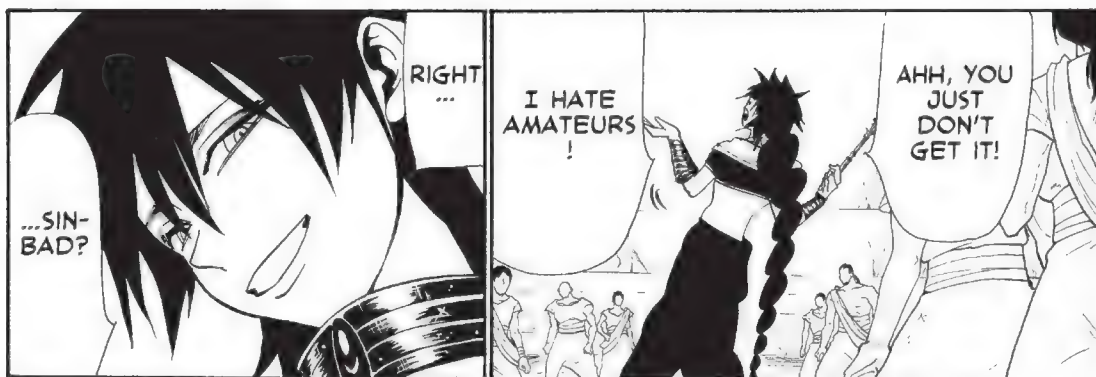






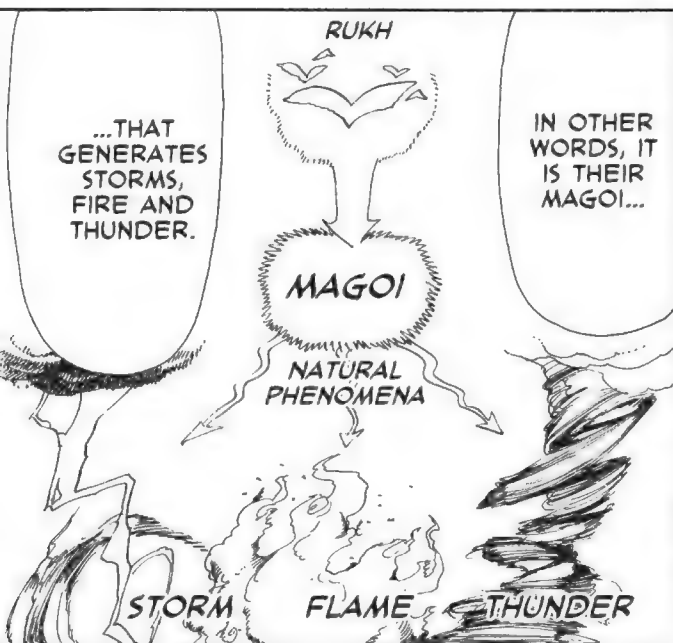














...JUDAR IS
USING RUKH
MAGOI TO
CREATE
THUNDER!!

AND
RIGHT
NOW...

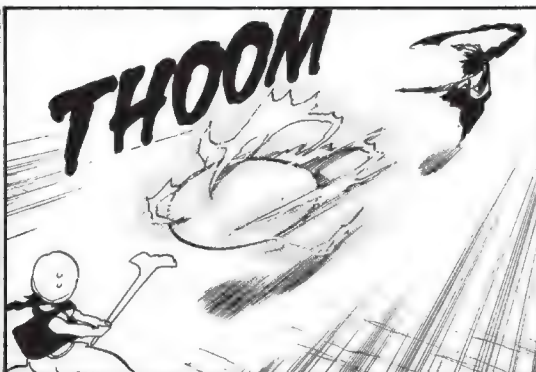
CRACKLE

CRACKLE

CRACKLE



ALAD-
DIN!
DODGE
!!



THOOM



TAKE
THIS!!

ENOUGH
TALK!



SWAN

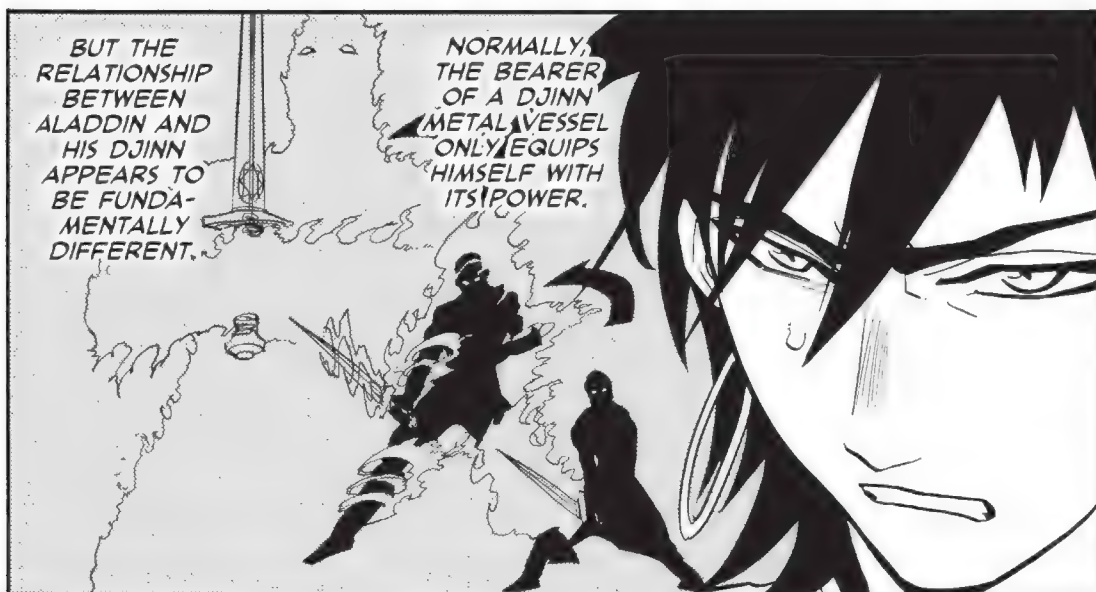
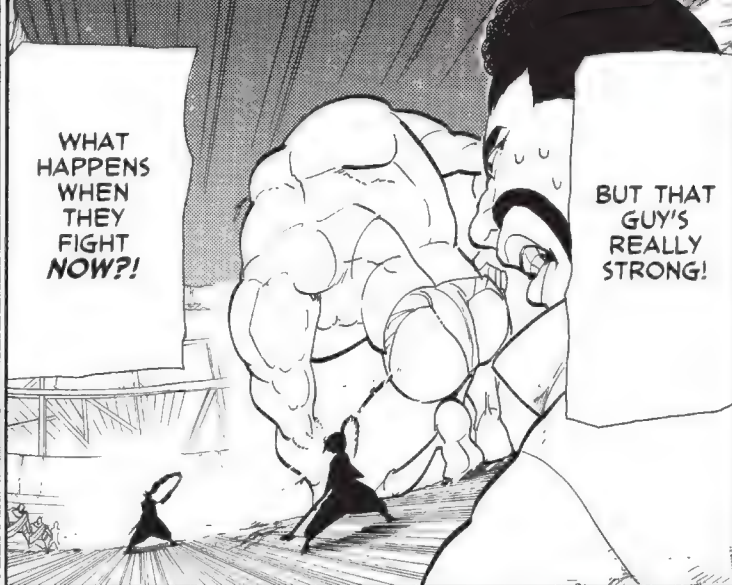


THOOSH











ONLY MAGI
CAN MAKE
THOSE
APPEAR.

A GIANT
DJINN...



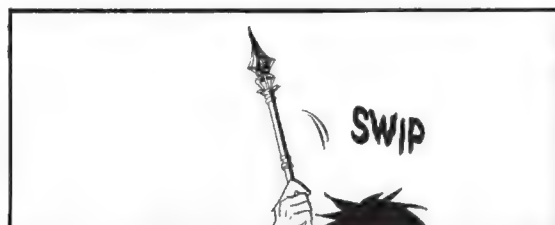
...THAT'S
PRETTY
INTER-
ESTING.

HEY,
TYKE...

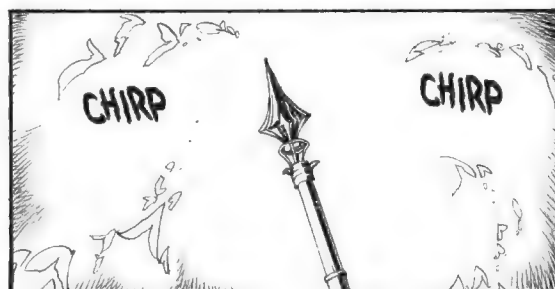


...I
ACCEPT
THAT
YOU'RE A
MAGI.

OKAY,
FINE...



SWIP



CHIRP

CHIRP



...ISN'T
LIKE
THAT.

BUT MY
MAGIC...





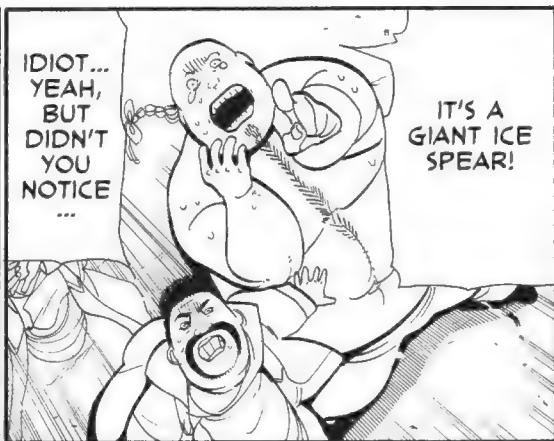


MY
SPECIALTY
IS ICE
MAGIC!!

DADOOON



...THAT
GUY'S
FLYING!!



IDIOT...
YEAH,
BUT
DIDN'T
YOU
NOTICE
...

IT'S A
GIANT ICE
SPEAR!



HA
HA!

HE'S SO
POWER-
FUL!

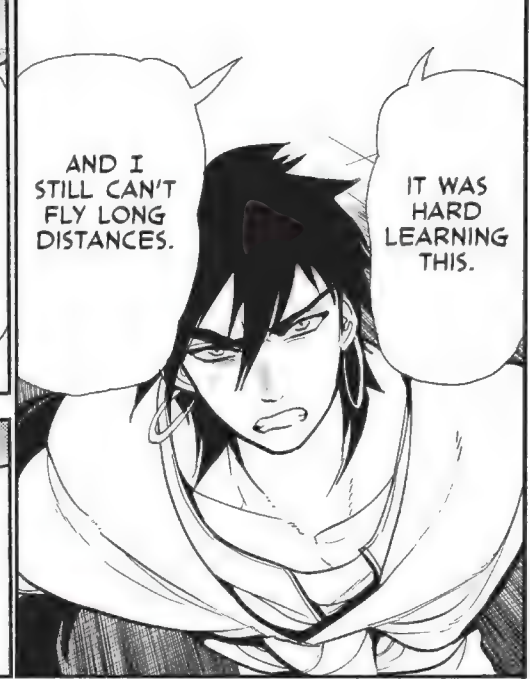


WELL?
PRETTY
COOL,
RIGHT?

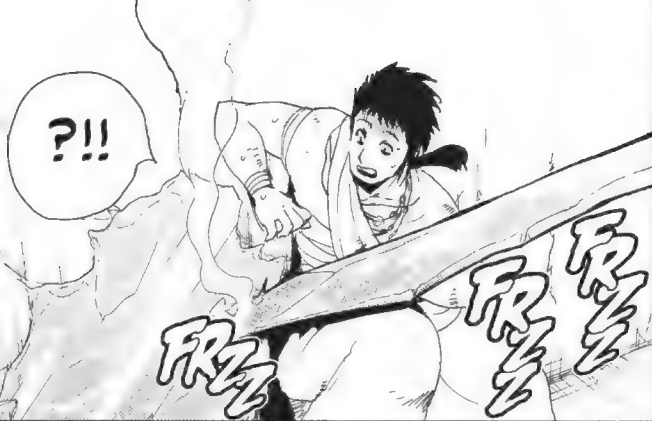


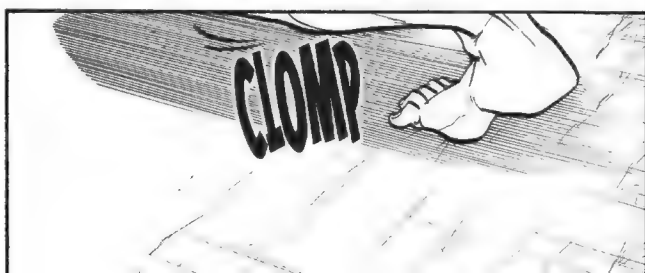
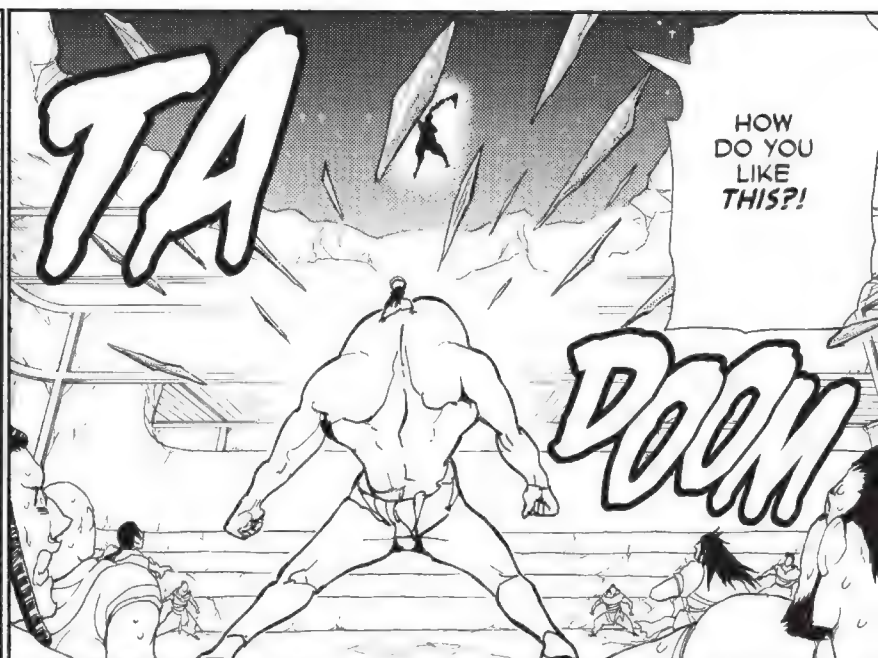
HE'S
CON-
TROLLING
GRAVITY
WITH
FLOATING
MAGIC!

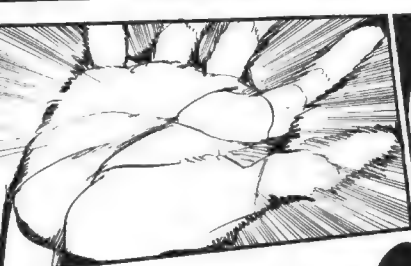
JUDAR'S
USING
MULTIPLE
TYPES OF
MAGIC AT
ONCE!

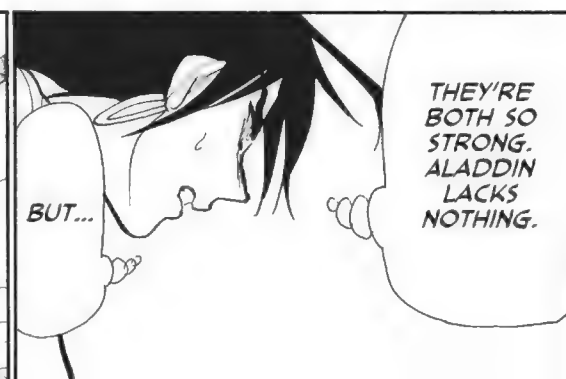




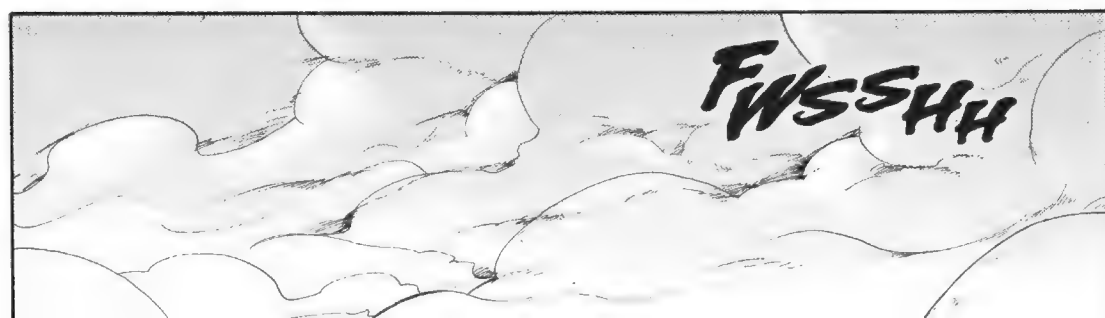


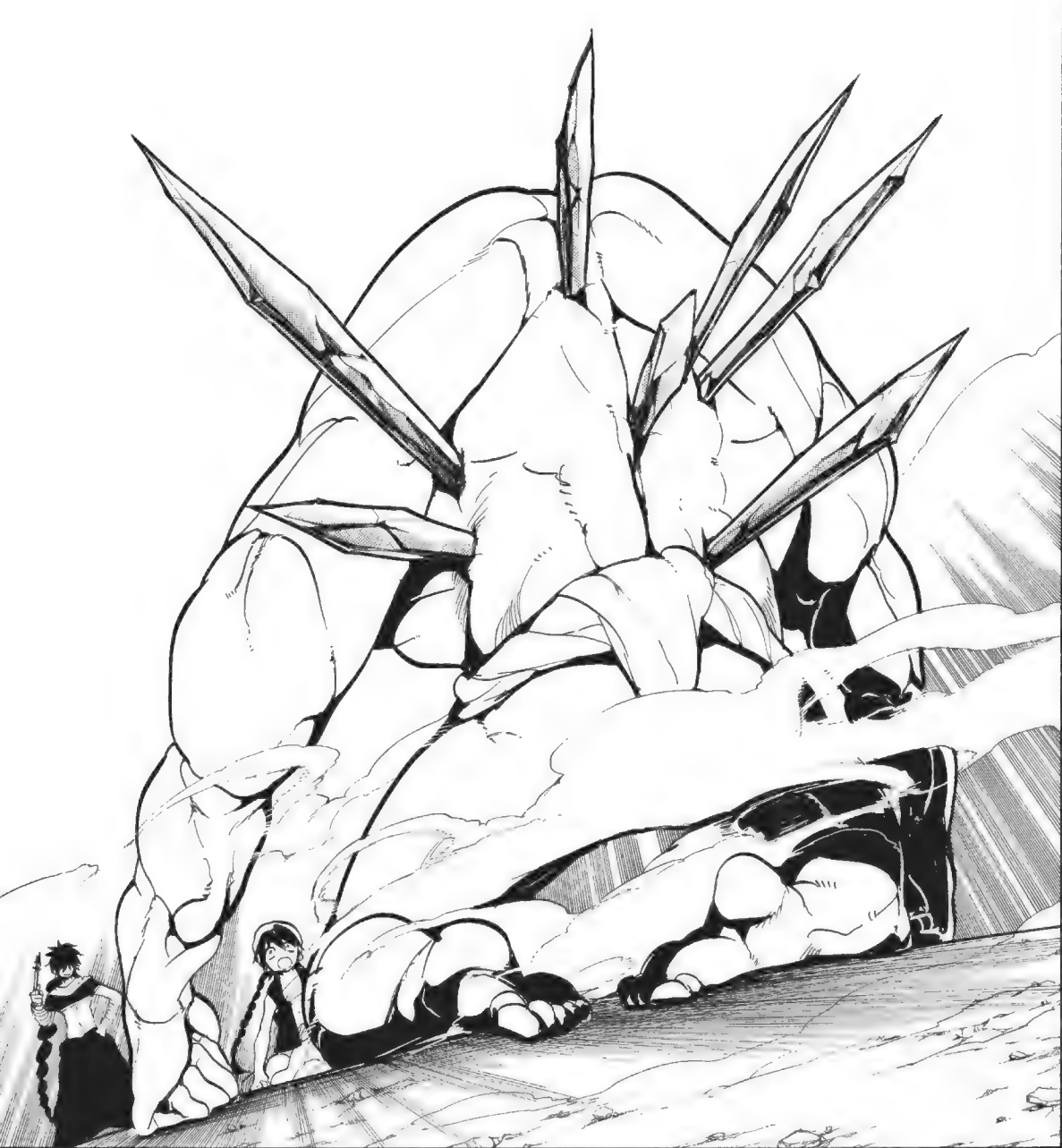
















EVERYTHING
ELSE IS SO
BORING!

I'M
ABSOLUTELY
BURSTING
WITH EXCESS
POWER!

LET'S PLAY
SOME MORE,
LITTLE
MAG!!!

BUT
WE'VE
HAD
SOME
FUN
TODAY.

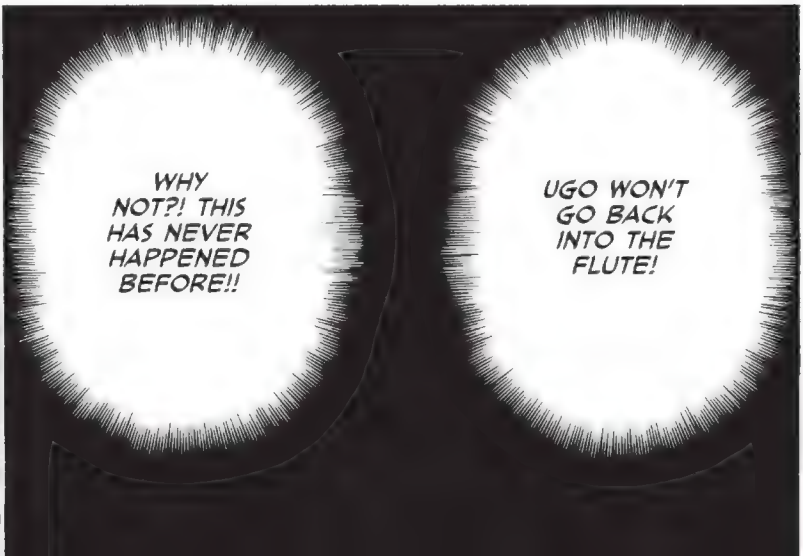
**F
W
S
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UGO!
UGO?!

UGO
WON'T
GO BACK
INTO THE
FLUTE!!!

AND
EVEN
WORSE...

WHAT
WRONG
WITH
HIM?







THIS ISN'T
OVER
ALREADY,
IS IT?

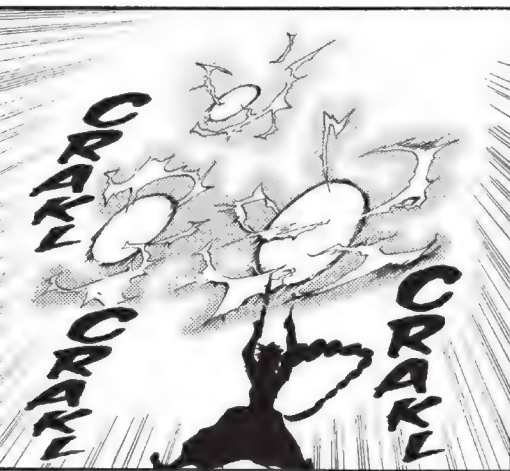
HEY,
SMALL
FRY.



...BUT HE
WON'T
STOP!!

TRMBL

I'M NOT
GIVING
ANY MORE
STRENGTH...



CRACK
CRACK
CRACK

CRACK

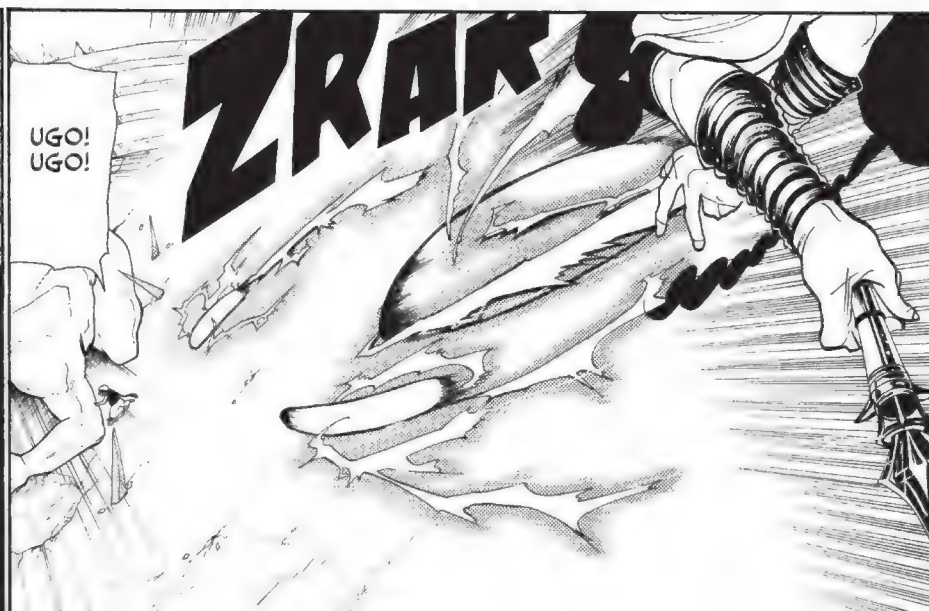


LET'S GET
WILD!!

OPPOR-
TUNITIES
LIKE THIS
ARE RARE!



UGO!
UGO!



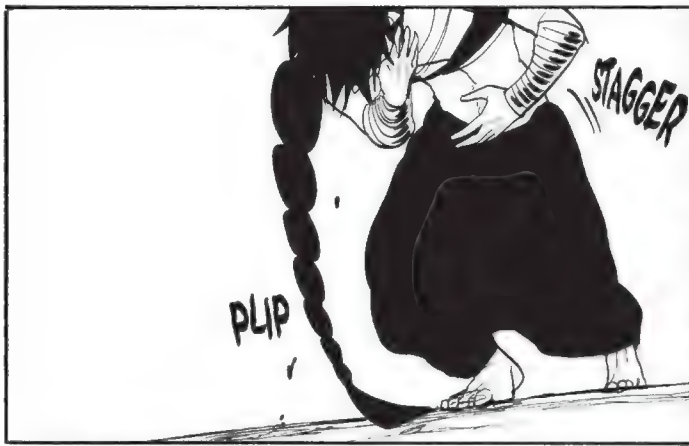
ZRAK



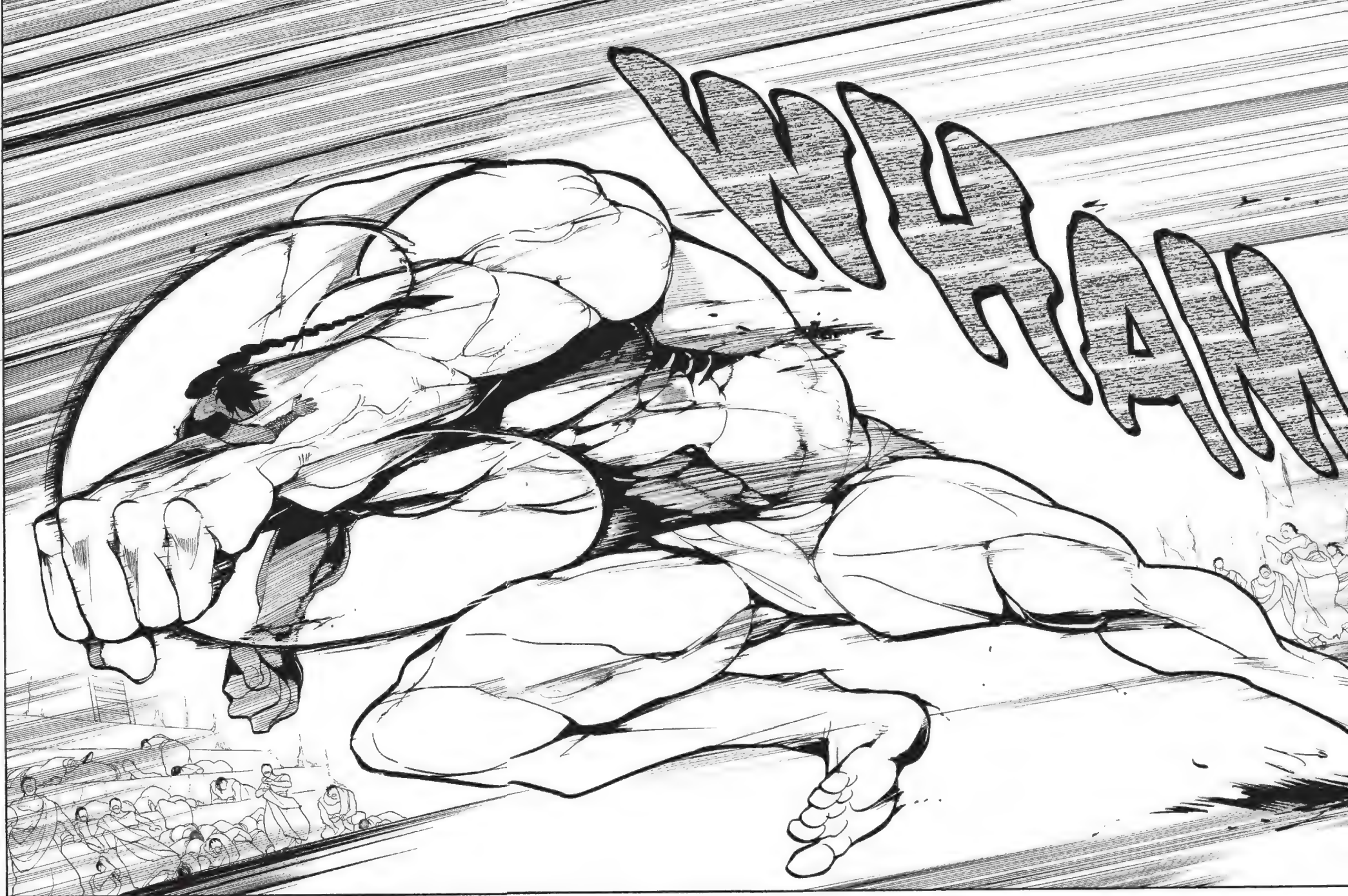
BUT
NORMAL
ATTACKS
DON'T
WORK ON
ME...

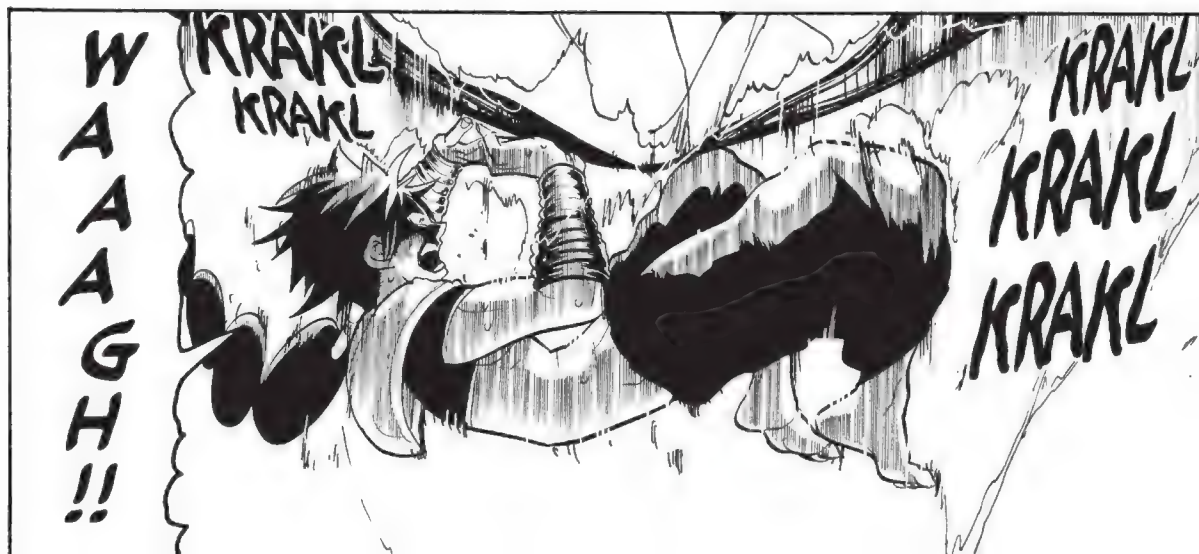
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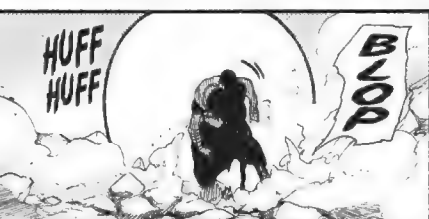
















...YOUR
OWN
MAGOI!

YOU
HAVEN'T
BEEN
GIVING
HIM...



THAT
DJINN'S
NO
FAIR!!

HEY,
SHORT
STUFF!!



CRAK CRAK CRAK



THAT
MEANS
...

...HE'S
RUNNING
ON
SOME-
ONE
ELSE'S
MAGOI!!

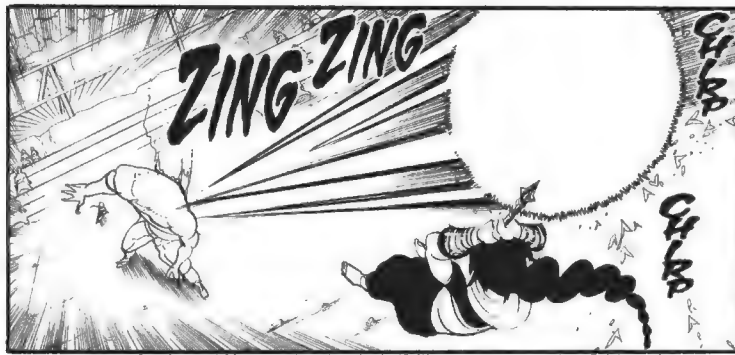


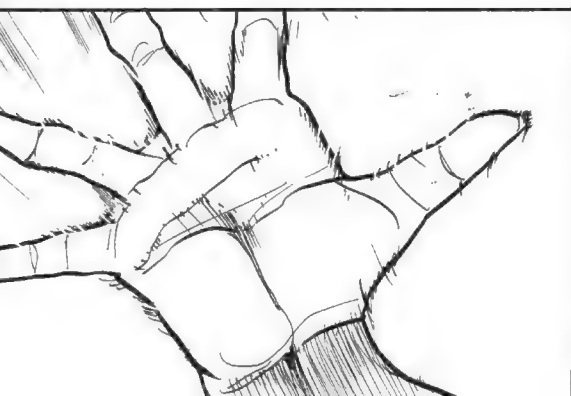
THAT
DJINN
...

THAT
DJINN
...



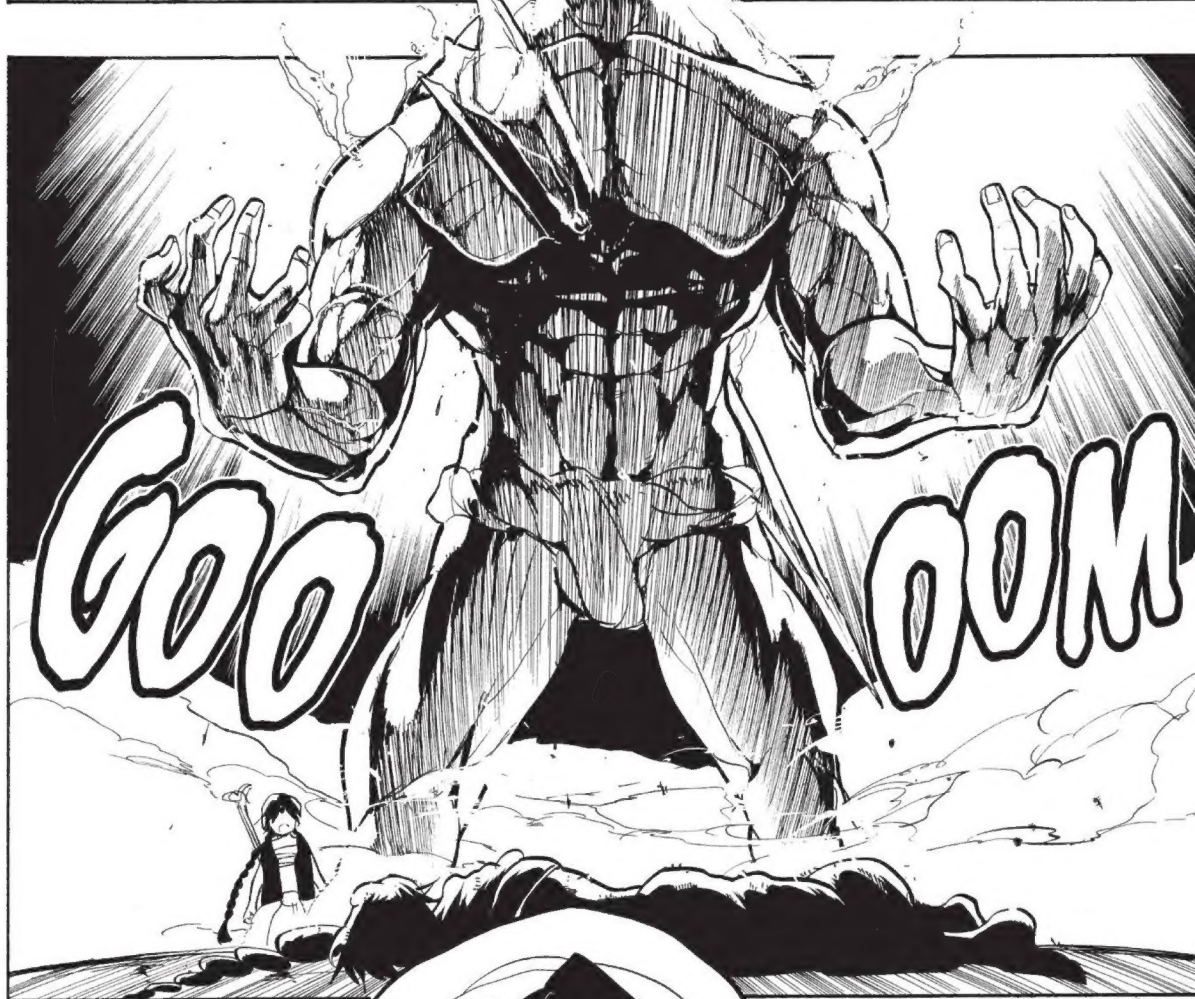
SMA
SSSSH











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The labyrinth of magic

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